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Ramon throws hat in Histadrut ring, says he's staying with Labor

HAIM Ramon launched his new Histadrut list yesterday, in all likelihood taking himself, Amir Peretz, and Shmuel Avital out of the Labor Party.

Ramon maintained that he remains within Labor, and is challenging its official candidate, incumbent Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld, for the party's own good.

He thus introduced a wild card into the Histadrut race, making it entirely unpredictable and seriously endangering Labor's hegemony in the Histadrut for the first time since its founding.

The Histadrut, Ramon charged, "is a corrupt institution which serves only itself and looks only after the interests of those in the elitist inner circle, those domineering functionaries and bureaucrats, who are cut off from those they are meant to serve."

Ramon's list will be called New Life (Haim in

Hebrew) for the Histadrut. He said he has been promised Meretz support.

Ramon made his expected announcement at a press conference attended by Peretz. Avital called his own press conference to declare that he was joining Ramon, despite massive pressure from the party.

Ramon sought to depict his move as a purely idealistic venture by "one politician who is determined to fulfill the promises he made to his voters. I promised a health reform bill and strove to get one enacted when I was health minister. The Histadrut old guard prevented this, but when I am elected secretary-general, there will be an all new health care system and a national pension law as well."

He also undertook "to sell Histadrut properties to get it out of the red and to put the massive labor federation, with all of its industrial, finan-

cial, and commercial enterprises, under the state comptroller's scrutiny.

He blasted Haberfeld for "letting the Histadrut deteriorate to such an extent that it has become a liability, rather than an asset for Labor."

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"There is a massive defection from the tired old Histadrut. In the last year alone, 200,000 members walked out..."

"To desperately cling to life, the Histadrut - a supposedly voluntary organization - tries to force

membership on those insured by Kupat Holim Clalit. This means that they force the Histadrut on the weakest elements in our society. The Histadrut's own figures tell us that whoever gets health insurance elsewhere, gets better health care and a better deal. Clalit is on the verge of bankruptcy and is in debt to the tune of almost NIS 4 billion."

"The situation in the pension funds," he went on, "ought to strike panic in the heart of anyone under 50 who has money tied up in them. The pension funds now run enormous deficits of some NIS 30-NIS 40 billion..."

"The Histadrut levies dues in anti-progressive ways. It raises them for the poor and middle-class, for pensioners and working women, but it introduces reductions for the rich," Ramon asserted.

He promised that under his leadership "only those who wish to belong to the Histadrut will be

members. I will make it attractive enough for people to join. There will be no more cases, as in Bank Hapoalim and other Histadrut concerns, where employees are forced to belong to two sick funds. They stay in Clalit so that their status at work won't be adversely affected, but they go elsewhere for decent health care."

"In my administration services will not be linked to politics and funds will be run for the members benefit and not to feed a rusty political machine."

Ramon denied that he was motivated by a desire to return to the government. "If this were my aim I would not have quit as health minister over the health reform bill. [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin asked me not to resign, to stay even if without the health portfolio."

David Makovsky and Alon Pinkas contributed to this report



Amir Peretz (left) and Haim Ramon announce the formation of their new Histadrut list yesterday. (Hanoach Grizitzky/Israel Sun)

Rabin: Pullout could take another month

Palestinians who attack Israelis in territories to be tried by PLO

A GAZA/JERICO agreement may be delayed for as long as another month, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told *The Jerusalem Post* in an Independence Day interview yesterday.

He poured cold water on Palestinian statements that a Gaza/Jericho accord is imminent, and pushed back the date even further than Israelis have previously done. While not specifying the cause of the delay, Rabin declared: "We cannot set a date when the agreement will be reached. But if everything goes well, I believe that by sometime in the first half of May, there is a hope. [But] it's not a sacred date."

At the same time, Rabin sought to sound upbeat about progress in the Cairo talks. "Today, after talking to Maj.-Gen. [Amnon] Shahak and Finance Minister [Avraham] Shohat this morning, I can say there is movement."

DAVID MAKOVSKY and ALON PINKAS

Earlier yesterday, Rabin rejected Palestinian accusations that the delay was Israel's fault. He told Israel Radio that if the PLO had not suspended talks for five weeks after the Hebron massacre, negotiations would have been completed by now. He noted that Israel did not halt talks after the Afula and Ashdod attacks.

He told the *Post* he was "disappointed" that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had not condemned the attacks on Israelis, but indicated that the Palestinian leader has not issued any instructions to kill Israelis.

Foreign Ministry officials said that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat are scheduled to attend a conference in Bucharest next Friday, not this week as earlier announced.

Other highlights of the interview:

- Under the Gaza/Jericho accord, the PLO will not have to turn over

a Palestinian suspected of attacking an Israeli to the Israeli authorities, if the attack occurred inside the territories; the attacker would face trial in a Palestinian court. Only Palestinians who attack Israelis within the Green Line would be turned over to Israel for trial.

When asked about the rules of arrest, Rabin replied: "It depends where it happens. If it happens in Israel, it's one thing. If it happens in an attack in Israeli settlements, and [the terrorist] is caught there, it will be a different matter... We expect them to prevent such actions, and we expect if they catch him, he will be tried in their courts."

- Rabin said he still "basically" supports the Allon Plan for the partition of the territories, but pointedly refused to answer whether this means Israel will maintain sovereignty over the Jordan Valley.
- Rabin said the second phase of the Oslo accords, involving IDF

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The winners and the losers

AT the press conference announcing his candidacy for Histadrut secretary-general, Haim Ramon seemed certain he would handily defeat incumbent Haim Haberfeld. Privately, however, he is much more sober in his assessment and would be satisfied if he denies Labor a majority in the labor federation.

Ramon's Meretz section is the most upbeat of all, with some predicting a landslide that would assure the new list more than 50 percent of the vote.

On the other side of the equation, a resentful Haberfeld is sure he can deal Ramon a knockout blow. Haberfeld points out that he convincingly defeated MK Amir Peretz in the Labor primary not long ago. Peretz was Ramon's man then and is running with him now, Haberfeld stresses.

Other observers believe Ramon will pick up protest votes from all corners of the political arena, including the Likud. The Likud, how-

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SARAH HONIG

er, maintains that its polls indicate it is immune from the Ramon threat, and that he can only hurt Labor's prospects.

Whether or not this is so, the Likud stands to gain from Ramon's running on a separate list. Chances are that the Likud - thus far the pariah during 73 years of Labor hegemony in the Histadrut - will come out of these elections as the most sought after coalition partner. Haberfeld will prefer it to a Ramon he passionately abhors. Ramon will also prefer the Likud, since it at least espouses the same ideas about how the Histadrut has to be overhauled.

For Ramon, heading a list of mavericks like himself and a large Meretz component, it would be the sweetest revenge of all if he could

put together a majority - even with the Likud - to kick out Haberfeld, the Histadrut old guard, and the mighty Labor Party machine.

That, rather than outright victory, is his realistic aim, and is not impossible.

This is why Ramon has the Labor Party worried. For the first time since the founding of the Histadrut, there is a fear that Labor will lose control of the massive complex from which it derives much of its power.

Nonetheless, there are some in Labor who intimate that in his heart of hearts Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin might not be unhappy to see Ramon rout Haberfeld. A Ramon victory would weaken Rabin's arch-rival Shimon Peres, who relies on his alliance with the Histadrut and the party establishment.

But chances are that if Labor loses control of the Histadrut while Rabin is at the helm, the loss will rub off on him.

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Senior Hamas member caught by security forces

UNDERCOVER troops last night captured a wanted Hamas terrorist in the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

Rassan Siam, 32, is considered to be behind the organization's activities against the security forces. He was captured while hiding with a Jabalya family.

Security sources say that while Siam is not suspected of personal involvement in attacks, he is a senior Hamas member who is one of the planners of such attacks.

According to Arab sources, six other Arabs were arrested for helping Siam, including another wanted fugitive named Ali Burash. IDF sources said four others were arrested.

(Itim)

Israel to release 2,500 prisoners after accord is signed - PLO

CAIRO - Israel has agreed to release 2,500 Palestinian prisoners two days after it signs an agreement with the PLO on withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, a PLO delegate to talks in Cairo said yesterday.

But none of them would be from Hamas, and Israel continues to resist PLO demands that it should not discriminate against Hamas prisoners, added the delegate.

"We are insisting on the release of Hamas [prisoners] because we are seeking a reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis, not between Fatah and Israelis," he said.

The PLO's chief negotiator Nabil Sha'ath said yesterday it would take at least a week to wrap up peace talks with Israel, admitting for the first time that tomorrow's deadline would be missed.

"It is impossible now to sign the

News agencies

day after tomorrow," Sha'ath told reporters. "There are still many things that require finishing."

While Sha'ath said negotiators were making progress, he conceded "some substantive issues" remain undecided.

"My estimate is that if we're going on the speed we are going now, maybe seven to 10 days will be just about enough" to reach agreement, he said.

The head of the Israeli team Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, has not spoken in public for more than 24 hours.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in Ankara the "target date will be the end of this month, April, and then I think there won't be needed much time to implement the agreement."

Sha'ath said he still believed it

was possible to clinch a deal earlier than the Israelis seemed to think.

"There is a difference between their estimate and my estimate," he said. "My estimate is that if you go at the speed we are going now maybe seven to 10 days will be about enough."

He said there were no major obstacles, just many small issues to be cleared up.

He said progress was being made on legal jurisdiction, an issue that he had said last week could stall the talks completely.

"The change is giving up some of the horrible claims about jurisdiction that would have really made it impossible for us to sign," Sha'ath said.

The negotiators have also settled most of the details of how a Palestinian police force will take over from withdrawing Israeli troops in the two self-rule areas.

Zhirinovsky throws stones at Jewish protestors

STRASBOURG (Reuters) - Russian nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky yesterday spat and hurled stones and dirt at Jewish students demonstrating against antisemitism, and for good measure threatened them

with an "atomic pistol."

Some 100 protestors from the French Jewish students union assembled outside the Russian consulate in the eastern city of Strasbourg, where Zhirinovsky earlier railed against the West in a speech to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

"I'll break your heads," he screamed in French from behind the fence of the consulate where he is staying as many of the demonstrators chanted: "Zhirin-

ovsky, neo-Nazi."

Zhirinovsky spat in the faces of some of the demonstrators before picking up pieces of earth and gravel from the garden of the consulate and hurling them at the students.

"I'll kill you with my atomic pistol," he shouted.

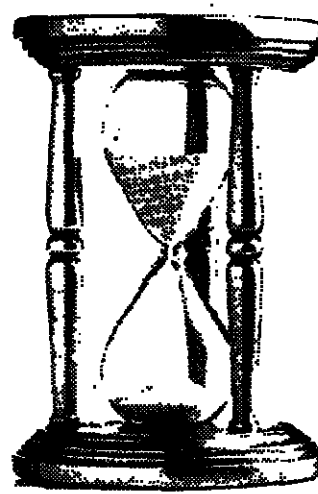
France has warned Zhirinovsky he faces expulsion if he makes trouble. To show its displeasure at his presence in the official Russian delegation, Paris has told him he may only stay for the one week of

the session and may not leave Strasbourg.

Zhirinovsky has been accused of making antisemitic statements during his election campaign last year. He denies being an antisemite but says his party wants to combat the forces of Zionism.

Reporters in his home city of Alma Ata have uncovered documents showing that his father was called Edelstein and that Zhirinovsky changed his surname to conceal his Jewish roots.

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Rabin: Ramon must support us from outside

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin hinted yesterday that MK Haim Ramon will be expelled from the Labor Party, but expects him to remain a loyal backer of peace process.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Rabin addressed Ramon's future. "I tried with all my ability to convince him not to take this step," he declared. "It looks that unfortunately, I did not succeed."

"Therefore, there are certain consequences which I will try to mute at least in regards to our position in the Knesset."

"I am certain he is committed to the efforts of his government to achieve peace. I believe that he will support us. But no doubt, his decision will bring about consequences that I would not like to deliberate now. We will have to keep him within the bloc that wants peace."

Rabin praised Ramon's performance in the past. "I said time and again that I appreciate Haim Ramon as a good health minister, as a good member of the cabinet."

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli, however, announced tomorrow that Ramon, Amir Peretz, and Shmuel Avital "are no longer members of the Labor Party. This is automatic, according to the party constitution, and does not depend on the opinion, leaning, or attitude of any party leader."

SARAH HONIG, DAVID MAKOVSKY, and ALON PINKAS

Zvilli spoke at a press conference he convened soon after Ramon had formally announced his independent candidacy in the May 10 Histadrut elections.

It is not a question of "whether we expel Ramon and company. They have expelled themselves from Labor. The party constitution clearly stipulates that whoever runs against the party in any election is no longer a Labor member and cannot return to the party for 18 months. He cannot run on any party ticket for another six months after that."

He went on to call Ramon "an opportunist. He is totally irresponsible and reckless and is motivated by one thing and one thing only - furthering his career."

Zvilli was closely associated with Ramon until some two years ago, but they have become bitter enemies. Many in Labor accused Zvilli of not having done anything to prevent Ramon's move and of only fanning the flames of discord in the party.

Ramon, Peretz, and Avital will officially remain in Labor until April 20, when the Histadrut lists are submitted. Only then will they be considered as running against their own party and even then they will be able to appeal their expulsion.

Ramon's allies from the Hakfar Hayarok Circle - Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and MKs Hagai Merom, Avraham Burg, Yael Dayan, and Nawaf Massalha - issued a statement lamenting "fact that our three friends have given up in the midst of the struggle to effect much-needed changes from inside the party. Ramon was pushed into the political corner by the personal interests of party leaders."

Merom argued that "the original sin here is the way the party betrayed Ramon over the national health bill. To a considerable extent, Ramon was betrayed because of the unbridled personal ambitions of such would-be future leaders as Moshe Shahal and Shimon Shetret, who feared him as a potent rival."

Burg also said that "Ramon frightened his colleagues as a possible new leader," and Dayan said she supports the three even though she will not leave Labor with them.

MK Dalia Itzik predicted that "those who are now shoving Ramon out of the party will soon find themselves begging him to return."

Knesset faction chairman Eli Dayan predicted that "the three MKs will return to Labor; the last word hadn't been spoken."

There is time until April 20, and there will be many contacts and much political activity before then."

But not all in Labor were willing to forgive and forget. Shetret accused Ramon of having "broken every rule of the game. If every MK takes the liberties Ramon has allowed himself - and this can be done on any issue - then the party will fall apart."

Shahal described Ramon as "an immature ball player, who runs all over the court and throws without taking aim or even looking to see where the basket is. If I were in Ramon's place, I wouldn't have attempted to stay inside and outside the party at the same time. That's not honorable and not fair."

According to Tourism Minister Uzi Baram "this is a split in the party. One of the party leaders cannot run against his own party and then feign innocence and claim he is still a party member. This is a rift we might not be able to repair, and it comes at a time when the peace process is in deep trouble in public opinion. This is hardly the time when Ramon should have weakened the government and caused friction between Labor and Meretz. The victim is the peace process."

Amir Rozenblit contributed to this report.

Haberfeld: Ramon will be opposed in Histadrut, Knesset

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MK Haim Ramon will fail in his venture to conquer the Histadrut and will find himself in the opposition - both in the Histadrut and in the Knesset, Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld said yesterday.

Commenting on Ramon's initiative to form a new list to compete against the Labor Party in the Histadrut's May elections, Haberfeld said: "Ramon should not be taken seriously. I've known Ramon for many years and am not surprised by anything he has done lately. He poses no danger to the Histadrut. I am confident we will win the elections and get well over 50 percent of the vote."

"The Labor Party will continue ruling the Histadrut in the next term of office," Haberfeld added.

He scoffed at Ramon for "posing as the great democrat, who doesn't accept any democratic decision taken by his party."

"By forming a separate list he has taken himself out of the party, while claiming to be still a part of it. This is merely an attempt to

exploit the Histadrut as a springboard for taking control of his party," said Haberfeld.

Senior Histadrut sources said yesterday that Ramon's move is a problem for the Labor Party and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "If Haberfeld fails in the Histadrut elections, it will be the failure of the Labor Party, which will weaken Rabin and his government," a senior source said.

The source branded Ramon as a "hitchhiker, a careerist who is jumping on the Histadrut bandwagon for the ride to a better political position. He has abandoned all his friends and colleagues, who saw him as their leader, who believed that his leadership would lead them to power in Labor."

Where are MKs Hagai Merom, Avraham Burg, Yossi Beilin, Yael Dayan and all those who went with him? What are they all cowards? No, they realized that Ramon is an opportunist, that his move is for his personal advancement and has refused to serve as extras in his drama. They stayed in the Labor Party."

Meretz in turmoil: CRM decides to go with Ramon; Mapam to let convention rule

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

MK Haim Ramon's announcement yesterday that he was forming an independent list for the Histadrut elections plunged Meretz into turmoil, with each of its member-parties convening to decide whether to join Ramon.

The Citizens' Rights Movement executive met in Tel Aviv last night and decided unanimously to recommend to the movement's council, which is to convene on Sunday, to form a joint list consisting of Meretz and the Ramon group for the Histadrut elections. Mapam's central committee, on the other hand, decided to let its convention decide on the issue next week.

MK Ran Cohen, Meretz's Knesset faction chairman, yesterday rejected the attacks by Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli on Meretz for its readiness to cooperate with Ramon. Zvilli, he said, "who was partner to stinking acquisition maneuvers

such as MK Abrasha Sharir [during the 1990 coalition cliff-hanger], is not the one to preach to us. We know Ramon and Peretz as men who fight for their principles and will not hesitate to join hands with them to rehabilitate the Histadrut."

Mapam's central committee members, who convened in Ramat Efal, were wooed by both Ramon and Zvilli, who came to try to persuade them each to go with his party.

Zvilli said: "Mapam has nothing to look for in the new alliance which has been formed today, in any sense. We will continue to make efforts to convince Mapam to join Labor, against these thugish initiatives springing up in the Histadrut."

Addressing the central committee, Zvilli appealed to Mapam members "in the name of the prime minister to go together with Labor in the Histadrut elections."



Residents of settlements in the Jordan Valley prepare their own road sign to highlight their demonstration yesterday outside Jericho. Area residents yesterday blocked the Jordan Valley road outside Na'ama, denying passage to cars with territories' license plates to symbolize where they feel the border of the autonomous area should be. (Brian Hendler)

Security forces beefed up for two-day observance

BILL HUTMAN and LIAT COLLINS

IDF soldiers are to be used to beef up police forces on Remembrance and Independence days, as security forces brace for possible terror attacks.

Yesterday, police brass met in Jerusalem to make final plans for the two-day observance, which begins this evening. At the meeting it was decided that reinforcements from the IDF would join thousands of Civil Guard volunteers, police cadets, and policemen who normally serve in offices to augment the regular force.

Leaves for policemen, which have been canceled since Pessah, are not to be renewed until an as yet undetermined date after Independence Day, the police leadership also decided.

The police spokesman said the extra forces would be used to increase the number of patrols, checkpoints, and undercover operations aimed at preventing terror attacks.

Meanwhile, police are continuing to search for Palestinians illegally residing or working in the country, despite the closure, and to return them to the territories, the spokesman said.

On Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars, extra forces are to be stationed at cemeteries around the country.

The spokesman also warned that police would strictly enforce laws forbidding businesses, places of entertainment, and restaurants to be open on Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day observances will begin officially with the sounding of sirens throughout the nation tonight at 8, signaling a moment of silence. The state ceremony follows immediately at the Western Wall plaza, in the presence of President Ezer Weizman, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak, and representatives of the bereaved families. Similar ceremonies will take place at localities throughout the country.

Tomorrow at 11 a.m. the sirens will sound again, followed by memorial ceremonies at military cemeteries, the military sections of public cemeteries, and monuments to the fallen.

Immediately after the siren sounds tonight marking the start of Remembrance Day, ITV's Channel 3 will begin a mammoth commemoration program, during which the names of the fallen since the Nili Underground of the World War I period to the present day will be shown.

The broadcast will last 25 hours until the start of Independence Day celebrations.

The names of each of the 17,955 fallen, together with their ranks and the date they fell, will be shown for 5 seconds.

The names will be screened in chronological order of date of death; when more than one person fell on the same day, in alphabetical order.

The names were forwarded to the television by the IDF.

Air force to receive hundreds of Stinger missiles

ALON PINKAS

IAF air defense units will receive hundreds of US-made Stinger ground-to-air missiles as part of this year's annual \$1.8 billion American military aid to Israel, according to the April edition of *Air Force Journal*. They will be the older types of the missile in use by the air force since 1983.

The Stinger is shoulder-fired, and is equipped with an infra-red sensor head which enables it to home in on low-flying aircraft. It is operated by a crew of two, which needs to identify and track an aircraft for only 25-30 seconds

(Continued from Page 1) redeployment throughout the territories and Palestinian elections. "is much more complicated" than Gaza/Jericho and "there may be a different approach than in Gaza/Jericho" - but he gave little detail.

• The prime minister said Israel is open to extending the period during which international observers are to be deployed in Hebron beyond the mandated three months, if necessary.

• Rabin said that any deal with Syria must be accompanied by a major security assistance package from the US to offset the risks incurred. "In this case, there is no

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doubt there must be an American package to strengthen Israel's military capability with the kind of means needed even for partial withdrawal from the Golan," he said.

• Rabin said that he and Peres have been unsuccessful in orchestrating secret talks with Damascus. He said he had informed President Bill Clinton last month that the current format for peace talks in Washington "will lead nowhere."

• Rabin hinted that any Golan

sell 25 advanced McDonnell Douglas F-15I fighters to Israel for \$2.4 billion.

The air force decided to purchase the advanced F-15I (a version of the US air force F-15E) in late January. Israel plans to purchase 20 planes, with an option to buy five more.

Air force sources said the IAF hopes to cut down the total cost per plane, estimated at about \$100 million, through off-set deals and Israeli-made systems. The first F-15Is are expected to arrive by 1997.

withdrawal would take at least five years, and that Syrian normalization with Israel would have to precede the last phase of that withdrawal.

• Syrian President Hafez Assad has given no indication that he would accept less than the full Israeli withdrawal; but at the same time, he has not done "3 percent of what [Egyptian] president [Anwar] Sadat did to convince the Israeli people that he has really taken a strategic decision to live in peace."

The full interview appears in tomorrow's paper.

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Hussein renews threat on talks

King Hussein yesterday reiterated his refusal to rejoin Middle East peace talks until a US-led task force monitoring sanctions against Iraq eased the interception of Jordan-bound vessels.

"The situation is totally intolerable," Hussein told a joint news conference with visiting Austrian President Thomas Klestil.

Peres is aware of this. But it would still have been safer for him if the Ramon bombshell had not exploded. Peres has only himself to blame for never believing Ramon would cross the Rubicon. He thus made little effort to stop him, and he failed to moderate Haberfeld or party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli, both his allies.

Arafat says he condemned Afula attack

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat informed US Secretary of State Warren Christopher last weekend that he has condemned the Afula car-bombing, a senior administration official said yesterday.

Arafat told Christopher the condemnation was issued during a recent interview with UN reporters.

The State Department has received a transcript of the interview, but it is not convinced that Arafat went far enough, the official said.

"Until it becomes a public document, until people see it, it's not really going to make the point," he said.

The US believes that Arafat buried the condemnation out of resentment that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not deplore the killings last month of six Fatah Hawks.

"Even if the condemnation comes late, nevertheless it is important," the official said.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Marjorie and Archie Sherman WIZO Day Care Center was opened yesterday in Pisgat Ze'ev, Jerusalem, in the presence of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Mrs. Marjorie Sherman, the trustees of the Archie Sherman Charitable Trust and their families, World WIZO president Raya Jaglom, World WIZO vice-president and chairman of the executive Michal Moda'i, members of the World WIZO Executive and many friends.

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will take place on Friday, April 15 (4 Iyar) at 10:30 a.m., at the Sanhedria Cemetery.

Betty Yoffey and Family

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabbi compares government to Nazis

A rabbi from Ma'aleh Adumim has compared the government and IDF to the Nazis. MK Ran Cohen told the Knesset yesterday.

The rabbi reportedly also called on IDF soldiers to disobey orders to dismantle settlements.

Cohen said he had witnesses who had heard Rabbi Rabinowitz say: "Orders to dismantle settlements must be opposed like the orders of the Nazis. The Nazis wanted to exile Jews and so do they. We must oppose them."

The MK said he had lodged a complaint with the state attorney.

Israel, PLO expect economic accord soon

Israel and the PLO said yesterday they expect to conclude an agreement on economic relations between Israel and the future self-governing Palestinian areas next week.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and PLO economics chief Abu Ala (Ahmed Korei) said in a joint statement they had made positive progress in the latest round of economic talks in Paris, due to end early today.

Even though there are some significant differences to be resolved, they believe that the next meeting, which will take place next week in Paris, will be the concluding round. The Israeli delegation will return home today.

High Court to review open-fire orders

The High Court of Justice yesterday agreed to review the army's open-fire orders in response to a petition by a reserve soldier, who asked the regulations be tightened.

Yoav Hess asked that the rules be tightened so soldiers may only shoot if their lives are in immediate danger. Under existing regulations, troops can open fire without warning at any armed Palestinian, even there is no direct threat.

The 3-2 decision came two years after the High Court refused to hear a similar petition, saying the issue was not within its jurisdiction. The court cited Hess' personal stake in the case as a reservist in its decision to hear the case.

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Plant charged with violating radioactive waste laws

AMIR ROZENBLIT

THE Environment and Labor ministries have filed a complaint with the police against Matak Technology's plant in the Ramat Hovav industrial zone for violating regulations governing the handling of dangerous radioactive materials, the ministry announced at a Beersheba press conference yesterday.

According to the ministries, the company, a subsidiary of Paz Oil, imported 18 tons of tungsten from Austria last year. The metal was to be turned into tungsten powder for use in arms and ammunition.

However, without informing the Environment Ministry, the company also secretly began chemically separating high concentrations of radioactive thorium from the tungsten so it could be sold abroad. This led to a concentration of thorium 2.5 times higher than the permitted level in the plant's waste.

"At the same time that the company was cooperating with us in one area, it was going behind our back

and that of the Labor Ministry in many other areas," said Arik Bar-Sadeh, director of the ministry's southern regional office.

Some 35 workers at the plant are now undergoing tests to determine if they have been harmed by radioactivity. Emanuel Greenberg, the Labor Ministry's southern regional director, added.

In response, plant manager Dr. Eitan Yanir said that he became aware of the possibility that radioactive material was contained in waste from the plant, he brought in a private firm to do a study, and was assured that the levels were well within permissible limits.

He promised to cooperate with the Environment Ministry, noting that he may have been wrong not to coordinate with it before, but citing the private study as the reason he felt "in good faith" that this was not necessary.

Man kills his wife, sister-in-law, then stabs himself

A JAFFA man, about 40, allegedly killed his wife and sister-in-law yesterday, then tried to commit suicide.

During a quarrel about money in the family apartment, the man grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed his wife in the upper body. He then went after her sister, but she struggled with him and managed to escape the apartment.

He chased after her and caught up with her on the sidewalk, where he stabbed her several times in the back and chest. She collapsed in a pool of blood. He then stabbed himself.

A Magen David Adom ambu-

lance took all three to Wolfson Hospital in Holon, where the sister-in-law died a short time later. The wife died soon after. The man was reported in moderate-to-serious condition.

The suspected killer, father of 10, worked for the Tel Aviv-Jaffa sanitation department.

The family had severe financial problems, and the man had told neighbors that since he could not bring himself to steal, the only thing left was to kill himself and his family. On Sunday night, he apparently tried to swallow rat poison, but two friends prevented him from doing so. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldier held for false bomb warning

Holon police yesterday arrested a woman soldier, 18, on suspicion of phoning in a false report of a booby-trapped car in Ramat Gan's Ayalon Mall. The Tel Aviv police emergency operator received an anonymous call Monday morning warning that a car bomb would explode in the mall within a few days. Following emergency procedure in such cases, the operator traced the call to the apartment of the soldier's grandfather, where she was arrested. According to police, the woman admitted making the phone call, but her testimony under questioning was confused and it was unclear what she hoped to gain from it. (Itim)

Man gets 7 years for drug smuggling

A 41-year-old Petah Tikva man was sentenced to seven years in prison by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for drug smuggling.

Eliesser Cohen was convicted of smuggling three kilos of cocaine, 40 kg. of hashish, and some 3,000 Ecstasy tablets.

The court found that Cohen was given \$120,000 by Yuval Shemesh to purchase the drugs and distribute them to users. Shemesh was earlier sentenced to 7½ years in prison in a plea bargain. The prosecution agreed to the plea bargain because of his previously clean record and the fact that police seized the drugs before they were sold. (Itim)

Council petitions to hold Netzarim parade

The Gaza Coast Regional Council yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against the decision of the IDF to prohibit the Netzarim settlement's parade on Independence Day.

The council said it received permission last Friday to hold the parade, then on Saturday night the IDF told Netzarim residents the parade had been canceled.

A hearing on the petition is to be held tomorrow. (Itim)

Memorial held for Indian Jewish leader

A commemoration was held this week ending the *shloshim* (30-day period of mourning) for Shabbai (Satto) Koder, the leader of Cochin Jewry, who died on March 11. He was 86.

Koder was a member of the Cochin Legislative Assembly for 14 years and formerly the honorary consul of the Netherlands in South India. He was also vice-president of the Council of Indian Jewry and sexton of the Paradesi Synagogue for over 50 years.

Space agreement with France

Representatives of the French National Space Agency and the Israel Space Agency yesterday signed a three-year agreement for "cooperation in space with peaceful aims and for economic and scientific development."

Jean-Daniel Levi, director-general of the French agency, and Dr. Marcel Klein, his Israeli counterpart, signed the agreement.

Among the fields to be included in the cooperative agreement are the use of space to observe Earth and its environment, meteorology, data collection and geographical location systems, satellite communications, ensuring the proper courses of satellites, robotics, and quality control.

Moon to flirt with Venus tonight

The 41-hour-old moon will converge with the planet Venus tonight at about 20:00, the Jerusalem Center for Astronomic Information announced. The phenomenon will be visible to the naked eye low above the northwestern horizon. (Itim)

Lab workers end strike; pharmacists start one

JUDY SIEGEL

BIOCHEMISTS and microbiologists agreed last night to halt their sanctions, which paralyzed hospitals, health fund clinics, research labs, and district health offices around the country. The workers agreed to a nine-day breather and to negotiate in the meantime.

The union agreed to talks after the Health Ministry went to Tel Aviv Labor Court.

However, pharmacists at public institutions (but not private pharmacies) go on strike this morning. This is the third wave of labor unrest in the health sector, since the major wage hike granted to university lecturers. The pharmacists will stick to a reduced Shabbat schedule and supply medications only in emergencies.

Kupat Holim Clalit announced that its members would be able to fill prescriptions at private pharmacies after purchasing "stamps" in health fund clinics.

Meanwhile, 1,000 x-ray technicians, who halted their sanctions on Sunday, reached a wage accord with their employers yesterday, providing at least a bit of labor peace in the health system.

Dentist accused of molesting patient, assistants

A TEL AVIV dentist was indicted yesterday on charges of sexually abusing two assistants and a patient, twice after administering nitrous oxide (laughing gas) to his victims.

According to the indictment presented in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, a young woman came to Dr. Eliav Tzarfat, 44, for treatment on Dec. 4, 1990. Even though she was not afraid, he convinced her to allow him to administer the gas, as it would make her "feel good," then sexually molested her while she was under its influence.

In December 1992, he molested a young woman who came to his office to interview for a job as a dental assistant. On the pretext of examining a crown, he got her into his dental chair, the forced his attentions upon her.

In April 1993, he convinced another job applicant to try laughing gas, then molested her while she was under its influence. (Itim)



President Ezer Weizman congratulates Zhenia Golat, of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, as his wife Reuma and department head Uri Gordon look on. Seated at left is suspended Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz. (Yitzhak Elharar)

Beit Hanassi ceremony pays tribute to those who helped Russian aliya via transit stations

BATSHEVA TSUR

IN A rare public appearance, suspended Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz yesterday sat in the front row at a Beit Hanassi ceremony marking Soviet Jewry's aliya via the transit stations of Eastern Europe.

More than 350,000 Soviet Jews passed through Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, and Finland between 1989 and 1992 before the former Soviet Union allowed direct flights.

The ambassadors of the countries involved were also present at the ceremony, at which President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma paid tribute to those who had made the aliya

possible - Jewish Agency officials, the Liaison Bureau of the Foreign Ministry, and the Absorption Ministry.

Medals were presented to heads of the stations, many of them Holocaust survivors who had gone back to save other Jews. Certificates of recognition were given to directors of the airlines which helped to bring the Jews here.

"There were tremendous logistic and security problems to be handled, in addition to problems of those who wanted to drop out,"

Agency Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda said, praising those who had handled those sides of the operation. He said that the 500,000th Soviet Jew would be "the Agency's Independence Day gift to the nation."

Noting the symbolism of holding the ceremony between Holocaust Remembrance Day and Independence Day, Agency Aliya Department head Uri Gordon said the immediate association had been with the Jews of World War II. "During the Holocaust, however, the Jews got on the trains. Here they got off, filled with hope, and were met by Israelis who showered them with warmth."

Cherbourg missile boat sunk for divers' delight

THE missile boat Sufa - one of five built for the Israel Navy in Cherbourg, France, that left there under mysterious circumstances on Christmas Eve, 1969 - was sunk yesterday off the Eilat coast. It is to serve as an underwater attraction for scuba divers.

The Israeli Diving Federation initiated the project and in cooperation with a private organization purchased the missile boat from the navy and prepared it to become an artificial coral reef. While all the necessary permits were being obtained, the Sufa was meticulously cleaned of all oils and other pollutants, and obstructions were removed to make it a safe diving

site. The Sufa was then scuttled at a depth of 25 meters some 60 meters off shore.

"This is a world-class underwater attraction," said federation chairman Oren Must. "I'm happy that this important addition to the underwater scenery in Eilat will help it in the ever-growing competition for diving tourism with the diving sites and hotels in southern Sinai."

This is almost guaranteed by the lingering air of mystery still surrounding the Cherbourg missile boats and the daring operation which freed them from a French embargo. After being purchased

through dummy companies, the boats were spirited from port in the middle of the night. When the Sufa and the four other boats arrived in Haifa, they were met by a heroes' welcome.

The Israeli Diving Federation has some 30,000 qualified divers as members. According to federation director Yisrael Gonen, the sinking of the missile boat is likely to attract newcomers to the sport.

The federation has helped to enact rigorous legislation to enforce safe diving practices and works to encourage the development of diving tourism, as well as helping to develop new sites and underwater nature reserves. (Itim)

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, 10 of hearts, Jack of diamonds and 9 of clubs.

THOSE planning to go abroad this spring or summer can expect to see more bargains in airline fares and tour packages.

El Al is offering a round trip fare of \$899 to New York, higher than the rock bottom \$799 being charged during the winter, but still very low for this season.

"The war is still on, and the passengers will benefit from the low prices," said El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman.

Although Kleiman would not say if this price would remain in effect during the peak summer months, he indicated this is a possibility. "Technically," he said, the price is slated to go up.

If the present situation continues, he said, prices will stay the

same. He added that he expects other airlines to offer similar fares.

A lower than expected number of passengers is the reason for the continued bargains. Kleiman said El Al had planned for a 30 percent increase in passenger traffic during the first quarter of 1994, and its prediction was fulfilled, he said. It had planned for a similar increase in the second quarter, but so far has only seen a 5%-10% rise over the same period in 1993.

One reason for this, he said, is the Hebron massacre, which caused many potential tourists, especially American Jews, to reconsider plans to visit. Another factor is the downturn on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, he said.

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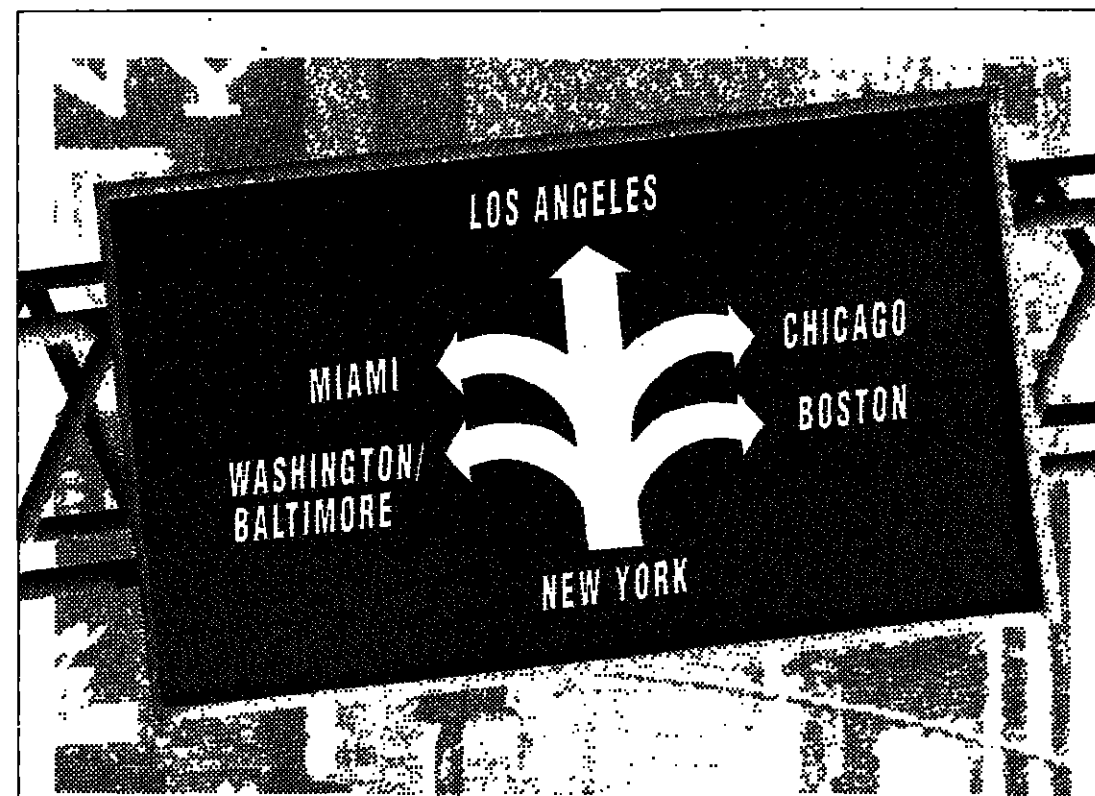
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Pope nixes Lebanon visit due to violence

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — Pope John Paul's visit to Lebanon in May, his first trip to the Middle East, has been postponed indefinitely because of a surge of violence, the Vatican said yesterday.

Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls said in a statement that the 73-year-old Pope had taken the decision "with sadness". The Vatican set no new date for the five-day visit, which was to have begun on May 28.

"Recently there have been grave and unpredictable events that have provoked strong tension and disturbed the climate in such a way that it no longer seems appropriate for the pastoral character of the visit," Navarro-Valls said.

A series of bomb attacks in Christian east Beirut and the Christian heartland to the north, and the assassination of a Jordanian diplomat, aroused concern in Lebanon over security for the visit and the personal safety of the Pope and his entourage.

One of the bombs exploded in a Maronite church in February, killing 11 worshippers and injuring 59 during Sunday mass.

Navarro-Valls said the Pope had consulted Lebanese religious and civil leaders on the trip. He had decided it was "opportune to postpone the visit for some time, until a more propitious moment, so that it can obtain the results desired".

This is only the third time in his 16 years as Pontiff that Pope John Paul has had to postpone a foreign trip. He wanted the Lebanon visit so much that he announced it himself last December.

Navarro-Valls said the Polish Pope had deeply wanted the trip to be an occasion of encouragement and comfort for all Lebanese after their 15-year civil war.

"The visit was to have been essentially one of spiritual encouragement, a concrete gesture of solidarity with the entire population which still bears the physical and psychological wounds of so many years of war and violence," he said.

The Pope also wanted the visit to be an "invitation for dialogue at all levels" to support peaceful co-existence among the country's different religious communities, he said.

The spiritual leader of Lebanon's Maronite Christians charged two weeks ago that the Syrian-backed government had treated Christians unfairly since they emerged weakened from the 1975-1990 civil war.

Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir said Christians felt deceived. "The government has not treated all its subjects equally. It has not given Christians the feeling that it has taken them under its protection as it takes other citizens," Sfeir said.



Some families arrive at Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport late Sunday night after being flown out of Rwanda. (Reuters)

Most French nationals evacuated from Rwanda

FRANÇOIS RATTBERGER
PARIS

FRANCE has evacuated most of its nationals from Rwanda and was to decide last night when to pull its troops out of the war-torn central African country, the foreign ministry said.

Ministry spokesman Richard Duque told reporters that 620 French people had left Rwanda, most of them aboard French military planes.

"There are still some French people there, and we are helping foreigners in difficulty in Kigali," Duque said.

Senegal's President Abdou Diouf, on an official visit to Paris, asked France to evacuate 15 Senegalese with the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Among some 30 French nationals left in Rwanda were a few isolated tourists stranded in areas of

fighting which could only be reached by helicopter and religious workers who had chosen to stay.

Duque said the 500 French soldiers were in Rwanda on a strictly humanitarian mission and Paris would decide later in the day when to pull them out.

France has said its soldiers will not intervene in the fighting and will leave as soon as Westerners have been evacuated.

But Duque said the French embassy was still operating and that France was ready to contribute if necessary to talks between the rival forces in Rwanda.

Western nations rushed to get

their nationals out of Rwanda after an orgy of tribal violence unleashed by the killing of President Juvenal Habyarimana last week.

The troops involved in France's rescue operation, codenamed "Amaryllis," did not take helicopters to Rwanda. They have been using five Transall C-160 transport planes flown in from France, Bangui, N'Djamena and Libreville.

The defense ministry said the soldiers used rubbish trucks to drive to an orphanage run by French nuns 10 km from Kigali and rescue 100 children.

Some of the children, in the process of being adopted by families in France, were due in Paris later in the day.

"Some of them have seen war two or three times. They have seen many dead," a priest accompanying them told French radio.

A first group of 43 French citizens evacuated from Kigali arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris late on Sunday.

Wrapped in green airline blankets, some said they remained holed up at home in terror through the fighting until French soldiers arrived and took them to Kigali airport.

Others said the Westerners' neighborhoods were spared and they did not witness any violence. They kept in touch through a radio network set up by the French embassy after tribal clashes in the city four years ago. (Reuters)

Ukraine raids Russian naval base

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia accused Ukraine yesterday of storming a Black Sea naval base and arresting three officers. Ukraine denied using violence in one of the most serious clashes yet over control of the Black Sea Fleet.

The Russian military said 120 Ukrainian commandos took over the base in the Ukrainian port of Odessa on Sunday, handcuffed the three officers, beat some sailors and family members, and prevented other officers and crew from leaving.

Ukrainian officials, however, said the arrests were made by four military police without violence.

In Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, Defense Ministry spokesman Oleksandr Kluban said the three officers were arrested for stealing military equipment. One, a Belorussian, has been released, he said.

The conflict began Friday night when a Russian ship, the Cheleken, loaded navigational equipment at Odessa and sailed away despite objections by Ukrainian naval officials.

Chased by Ukrainian ships and planes, the Cheleken sailed to the Russian-controlled port of Sevastopol on the Crimean peninsula, headquarters of the Black Sea Fleet.

The Russian government protested to Ukraine yesterday, demanding the officers' immediate release. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin talked with Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk by telephone, but details of their discussion were not released, the Interfax news agency reported.

Russia and Ukraine have jointly owned the Black Sea Fleet since

the Soviet breakup in 1991 and have frequently quarreled over its control. Most officers and sailors in the fleet are Russian.

The powerful armada of about 300 small and medium-size ships was the Soviet counterbalance to the US 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Russian fleet officials said Ukrainian units yesterday also blocked the headquarters of the fleet's 46th Hydrographic Division, which the Cheleken belongs to. They said communications with the division, near Odessa, had been cut.

Russia's Navy Central Command accused Ukraine of "political irresponsibility" and creating "an explosive situation around the Black Sea Fleet."

"They injured several civilians, including children. They broke into homes and broke windows in the storming of the Odessa base," said Andrei Grachev, spokesman for Russia's Black Sea Fleet command.

Adm. Eduard Baltin, the Russian fleet commander, described the seizure as the "actions of uncontrollable gangs." ITAR-Tass said.

Kluban called the Russian charges "absurd." "No force was used, no special forces were involved, no windows were broken and no doors were kicked in," he said.

Volodymyr Pitenko, military affairs adviser to Kravchuk, accused Baltin of stealing the navigational equipment.

"This incident is part of the continuing saga," Pitenko said. "Instead of screaming, he should recall how he stole goods in the middle of the night."

Neo-Nazi propaganda loaded into Internet

BONN (Reuters) — German television reported yesterday that large quantities of neo-Nazi literature denying the Holocaust ever happened, had been filed into Internet, the world's largest computer network.

Suedwestfunk, part of the ARD public network, said propaganda from German, Austrian and American neo-Nazis had been loaded into Internet in recent weeks.

Internet is a vast US-based computer information network which allows users to consult databases, store information and send electronic mail messages.

German neo-Nazis, barred by law from openly selling books denying the Nazi genocide against the Jews, have been using local computer networks to spread their literature, advertise protests and swap racist computer games, police say.

Suedwestfunk said one of the works filed was the so-called Leuchter Report — a book by American Fred Leuchter, an apologist for the Nazis, claiming the Auschwitz concentration camp had no gas chambers and no Nazi war crimes ever took place there.

Last October, just before he was to appear on a television talk show in Germany, Leuchter was arrested and charged with inciting race hatred and denigrating Nazi death camp victims.

He was later released on bail and allowed to return to the United States pending his trial later this year.

Mexico conspiracy suspect freed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Prosecutors changed the charges against the man accused of assassinating Mexico's leading presidential contender in one of several moves apparently aimed at quashing rampant conspiracy theories.

Two security officers also were arraigned for helping to kill Luis Donaldo Colosio in Tijuana. But the man who hired them to help guard the candidate was freed.

The decision was announced by special prosecutor Miguel Montes Garcia in a vague statement that

raised new questions about whether progress was being made in prosecuting the March 23 killing. The case is Mexico's biggest political assassination since 1928.

The statement said the premeditated murder charge against 23-year-old Mario Aburto Martinez, who confessed to being the gunman, was changed to murder with malicious intent.

No reason was given for the switch to the new charge, which under Mexican law is technically the same but carries a much

lighter sentence upon conviction.

But prosecutors seemed to be implying that Aburto acted alone, since the malicious intent murder charge does not indicate pre-planning.

Vicente Mayoral Valenzuela and his son Rodolfo Mayoral Esquerre were charged with being co-participants in homicide, accused of assisting another person to commit the crime.

Authorities accuse the two, who were hired for crowd control, of helping Aburto, a factory worker.

But Jose Rodolfo Rivapalacio Tinajero, who organized the local security detail, was being freed for lack of evidence.

The prosecutor's statement also announced that conspiracy charges of "criminal association" involving Aburto, the Mayorals and another man still under arrest in the case were being dropped.

Many Mexicans believe there was a wider conspiracy, and many theories have been suggested. But the statement cited a "lack of elements" to prosecute that charge.

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Twelve plots remain from the above scheme, for the construction of 12 single-family houses. Payment will be required for the land, and the development costs will be charged at updated prices. All other terms are as previously published, subject to this present notice. Registration will open at 9 a.m. on April 21, and close at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. the same day, there will be a draw among those who have registered. Registration will be at the offices of the Administration, Northern Region, Government Compound, Upper Nazareth, Tel. 06-558211.

When registering, you must deposit a bank check for NIS1,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as an advance on the cost of the land. After this registration, plots will be allocated while they are available at the above offices. Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur., 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m., but not after October 20, 1994.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

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Build Your House Program — Neot Lon, Beersheba — Plots Remaining from Stages Daret, Hel, and Vav, and additional plots in Stage Daret

Thirteen plots are offered for the construction of 13 single-family housing units, plus seven plots for the construction of 14 semi-detached houses — total of 27 housing units.

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Of the plots for the disabled, first priority will be given to IDF disabled with 100% or more disability. Priority will be given to the disabled, in choice of plot. Registration will take place at Shikun Uptuah Leyisrael, Mercat Hanegeon, Beersheba, Tel. 07-49067, 07-498292.

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 18, and continue until 12 noon on May 12, 1994 — Sun., Tue., Thur., 8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.; and Mon., Wed., 8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

When registering, you must deposit a bank check for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as an advance on the cost of the land. Registration and an explanatory sheet are available free from April 18, at the above offices.

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Of the plots for the disabled, first priority will be given to IDF disabled with 100% or more disability. Priority will be given to the disabled, in choice of plot. Registration will take place at Israel Lands Administration, Haifa Region, 13 Derech Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, ☎ (04) 354111, during regular working hours. Registration will open at 9 a.m. on April 18, 1994, and continue until 12 noon on May 18, 1994. When registering, you must deposit a bank check/guarantee for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as an advance on the cost of the land. Registration and an explanatory sheet are available free from April 18, at the above offices.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION — KIRYAT GAT MUNICIPALITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO. KIRYAT GAT LTD.

Build Your House Program — Glikson Quarter, Kiryat Gat, 96 Units

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Ten plots are for disabled persons who do not own a plot anywhere in Israel. The following criteria apply: Ex-IDF disabled persons with over 50% permanent disability; this disability must be attested by documentation, with validity of one year, issued by the Rehabilitation Branch of the Min. of Defense. Disabled persons not disabled during service in the IDF, and who suffer permanent disability of 75% in the lower limbs, as attested by valid documentation issued by the National Insurance Institute or the Min. of Health.

Of the plots for the disabled, first priority will be given to IDF disabled with 100% or more disability. Priority will be given to the disabled, in choice of plot. Registration will take place at the Kiryat Gat Economic Development Company (near the swimming pool), Tel. 07-8861357, Sun. — Thur., 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1994, and continue until 12 noon on May 22, 1994. When registering, you must deposit a bank check/guarantee for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as an advance on the cost of the land. Registration and an explanatory sheet are available free from April 18, at the above offices.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION — MERHAVIM Regional Council ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RURAL CENTER, MABBU'IM AREA

Build Your House Program — Mabbu'im (39 Housing Units) (Remaining Plots)

Thirty-nine plots remain from the above scheme which was published in November 1990, for the construction of 39 single-family houses. Payment will be required for the land, and the development costs will be charged at updated prices. All other terms are as previously published, subject to this present notice.

On April 17 and 19, 1994, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., a committee will interview the candidates in the library of the Mabbu'im Rural Center and from April 21 to April 28 (on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) registration will be held for the approved candidates at the Israel Lands Administration.

When registering, you must deposit a bank check for NIS500, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as an advance on the cost of the land. On May 4, 1994, at 5 p.m. there will be a draw at the library of the Mabbu'im Rural Center among those who have registered.

Registration for those eligible will take place at the Israel Lands Administration, Southern District, Ben Zvi St. (above the Yehalom Hotel), Beersheba, Tel. 07-232202, during regular office hours. The remainder of the plots will be allocated at the above conditions at the same office.

This announcement is valid until all the plots are sold, but not later than November 4, 1994.

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Ramon's bold move

LIKE all bold reformers, former Health Minister and leader of Labor's young guard Haim Ramon is suspected of having ulterior, self-serving motives. His Labor colleagues, furious at his decision to head an independent list for the Histadrut's secretary-generalship, call him a traitor to democratic principles and to his party.

"The only thing that motivates Ramon is his career," fumed Labor Party secretary and Ramon's erstwhile political ally Nissim Zvili yesterday. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin desperately called on him not to be tempted by favorable opinion polls and hopes of victory at the ballot box. "Stay home," he pleaded. And veteran Histadrut leader Yitzhak Ben-Aharon has warned that the split in the Labor ranks will not only assure a Likud victory in this election, but end the Histadrut's role as a powerful political force and Labor's mainstay.

Whether Ramon is driven by personal ambition is hardly the point. It is one of the conventional lies of politics that public servants should possess the ostentatious humility of doormen and the selflessness of a Florence Nightingale. But ambition is a virtually indispensable component of a politician's personality.

Ramon is undoubtedly ambitious, and he may see this maneuver as a way to leap-frog to party leadership and the premiership. But he

is also astute enough to realize that the Histadrut is a dinosaur, a fossil from a bygone period in which such monolithic monsters may have served a purpose, but which no longer exist.

Indeed, the Histadrut has refused to adapt to a new era. It has devoted its energies mostly to perpetuating its bureaucracy, mismanaging the industries it owns, taxing members of its health fund to finance its activities, and sponging off the public till. It must undergo fundamental reform or die.

Ramon believes he can effect the necessary reforms if only he can wrestle the leadership from its present boss, Labor's Haim Haberfeld. He hopes to staunch the flow of defectors from its ranks, free its health fund members from the obligation to become Histadrut members, remove its opposition to the health bill he proposed as health minister, trim its bureaucracy, and restructure or privatize its industries.

To anyone not enslaved by archaic ideas and a party-first mentality, his candidacy should be a breath of fresh air. It may indeed diminish the Histadrut's political clout in the short run. But it will undoubtedly inspire many to follow Ramon. Only he and those who share his vision can make the labor federation a useful instrument for social justice, rather than a costly haven for apparatchiks.

Hosokawa's rise and fall

IT is only eight months since world leaders and media commentators hailed Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa as a new dynamic force on the ossified Japanese political scene. He represented youth among aged mandarins, purity amid corruption, decisiveness in place of back-scratching consensus. This week, the man who broke the stranglehold of the Liberal Democrats (LDP) is gone, taking with him nearly all hope for change in the labyrinth of Japan's corrupt and Byzantine political system.

Hosokawa was a child when Japan surrendered to the United States at the end of World War II and lost no time in becoming the first post-war leader to apologize without equivocation to all countries that had suffered the brutalities of Japan's merciless military leaders. He reached unprecedented heights of popularity - topping 80 percent in opinion polls - compared with single-digit approval for his predecessor.

His departure is as mysterious as was his arrival. Accusations of mismanagement of his personal finances are shrouded in misty obscurity - in contrast with the detailed public picking-over of President Bill Clinton's affairs in the Whitewater investigation. There is a strong feeling Hosokawa has caved in more to weariness with Japan's bureaucracy and fractious politicians than to guilt over an unwise investment 13 years ago. His wife said in a

magazine interview weeks before his resignation that he was depressed because "he felt no freedom at all" to control national affairs.

Undermined at every turn by the embittered opposition LDP and the endless splintering in his shaky seven-party coalition government, Hosokawa's enthusiasm for change was rapidly whittled away. He never got to grips with an economy mired in its worst post-war recession. Trade disputes with the US and Europe worsened, yet the prime minister had even less time for foreign affairs than he did for domestic reconstruction. His allies in the factional coalition paid little heed to his demands - they were too busy riding their own hobby horses of self interest.

In January, the upper house rejected Hosokawa's anti-corruption bills - the key issue which brought him to power. Both houses later watered the bills to ineffectuality by allowing corporations to make vaguely-worded "limited donations" to politicians.

It is clear that Japan needs a democratic revolution on the scale of that in Italy, where voter revolt swept out the fat cats who ran the country for their own benefit for 40 years. There is little sign of it happening in Japan. For the moment the world just has to accept what all Japanese know - the country is run by bureaucrats and businessmen. Prime ministers may come and go, but the pork barrel just keeps rolling along.



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A silence that screams

ARAFAT wasn't the one who put together last week's car bomb in Afula. He isn't behind the latest terror incidents. These were directed at the PLO mainstream, which honestly seeks an end to the conflict, no less than they were aimed at us.

Such incidents are fueled by the hatred many Palestinian Arabs feel for Israel and for every Israeli, as well as by a determined opposition to any Palestinian compromise agreement.

Yet these terror incidents are a test for the PLO chairman and his leadership. They are, especially, a test of his ability to answer a question that is bothering us all: Will Yasser Arafat be able to keep the commitments he undertakes?

The silence with which the chairman responded to the Afula massacre raises a question mark. We can't just take this silence lying down. We want to hear Arafat condemning the Afula massacre because, in the context of the current situation, it is a vital link in the political process.

We are conducting the negotiations in the hope that the existing reality in the region will be changed. Our goal isn't a written contract. That is merely a means

SHLOMO GAZIT

by which the new reality may be created.

The essence of the peace process, in Israeli eyes at least, is giving a chance to the belief that the Arab Palestinian side is also striving, honestly, to end the long

Arafat's refusal to condemn the Afula massacre casts doubt on his ability to deliver on future commitments

struggle, the bloodshed and the sacrifice of victims on both sides.

If we are holding talks with the PLO despite our deep revulsion at the organization's past, it is only because of our belief that the organization's mainstream, like us, aspires to peace, compromise and a brave, honorable agreement.

We are willing to give Arafat the opportunity to prove himself. We expect no less from him than

proof that he really intends to end the struggle and - far more important - that he can deliver.

We say, justly, that Palestinian terrorism will not deter us, that it will not force us to walk out of the negotiations. We insist - again, rightly - that any departure from the process constitutes a surrender to terrorism and a victory for those who oppose the process, Jews or Arabs.

But it's Arafat's silence that's the trouble, casting a giant doubt on his ability to deliver on future commitments.

Arafat's silence stems from one of two reasons - or perhaps both together. Either (though he might not say so openly) he approves of terrorist acts and supports them; or he simply doesn't feel secure enough to stand up to his own people and order them to stop the bloodshed.

From our standpoint, it doesn't make much difference. A Palestinian leader who isn't ready or capable of condemning terrorism by his own people isn't a fitting partner for talks.

The writer, a former head of military intelligence, is a senior research fellow at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University.

Spare the rod

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

MICHAEL Fay, an 18-year-old American living in Singapore, has been sentenced to flogging for spray painting and vandalizing cars. The flogging is serious, six lashes with a thick bamboo rod. It leaves permanent scars and often causes the victim to go into shock from pain.

The US charge d'affaires in Singapore has protested. "We continue to believe," he said, "that caning is an excessive penalty for a youthful nonviolent offender who pleaded guilty to repairable crimes against private property." It is typically, arrogantly American that instead of pleading for mercy on behalf of Mr. Fay, we should be instructing the Singaporeans on justice.

It is also poor salesmanship. Nothing could be more designed to enrage the Singaporeans than American lectures about justice. Said one Singapore leader to a recent American visitor: "A driver is hauled out of his truck and has his head smashed by rioters and they get off. A woman cuts off her husband's penis and she gets off. Two brothers shoot their parents and they get off. Now two

Swift retribution works

Japanese students are shot dead by carjacks. And you are going to teach us about justice?"

He did not get all the facts quite right. But he was close enough to make the point. America is no paragon of justice. Nor, one might add, is Singapore. But for the last 30 years under Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore has conducted an experiment in crime and punishment. The results are worth studying.

Everyone knows that punishment is most effective when it is swift and sure. In Singapore it is. Drug trafficking and armed robbery bring a mandatory death sentence. At the other end of the spectrum, the most trivial of offenses against order - jaywalking, the sale of chewing gum - are punished too. The *South China Morning Post* notes that "most Singapore citizens supported the initiation last year of a new campaign to publicly humiliate convicted litterbugs."

It works. Singapore is a city with no litter, no graffiti, no gangs and almost no crime. "Women confidently stroll the streets late at night," writes the *Los Angeles Times* correspondent in Singapore. "... Gang warfare, a significant scourge in the 1950s, has been stamped out."

Los Angeles, roughly equal to Singapore in population, had 1,063 murders in 1993. Singapore had 58. Los Angeles had 38,167 robberies; Singapore had 1,008. Three - three! - involved guns. In the last three years, not one kidnapping. And this with a police force less than half that of Los Angeles.

THIS IS not an argument for flogging vandals. But it is an argument for reexamining the US's deluded ideas about crime and punishment. For the past 30 years Americans have been obsessed with "root causes." They have poured massive amounts of time, money and brainpower into fighting poverty and deprivation and hopelessness and alienation. And... surprise. The root causes are still there, as they always will be. And the crime rate has tripled.

In Singapore they do not give a hoot about root causes. They couldn't care less about Lorena Bobbitt's "insanity." And they have practically wiped out crime. They also do not care much about individual rights. There is no protection against self-incrimination, no trial by jury. The police can order a drug test on the spot - and, if positive, you go immediately into rehab for up to three years.

We do not do that in the US. And yet there has been an amazing American reaction to the Singapore flogging affair. Attempts to elicit popular support for Mr. Fay have largely backfired. Even in his hometown of Dayton, Ohio, there has been a remarkable support for Singaporean justice - and a wish that we had some of it back home.

This has come as a shock to some American commentators. But it is a natural reaction to the laissez-faire, everything-goes regime of the last 30 years - vagrancy, panhandling, vandalism, public displays of all sorts - that have given US cities a palpable sense of danger and decay.

The backlash is coming. The best argument for a moderate retreat from the extreme libertarianism that has left public spaces in America so decayed is that the alternative is full retreat: As the chaos deepens, the calls for an authoritarian solution will grow.

That need not mean the flogging of vandals. We could start with the public humiliation of convicted litterbugs and work our way up from there.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPORTS ON PESSAH

Sir, - I refer to Michael Stern's letter of March 23 about "Sports on Pessah." May I ask what is wrong with secularizing our country? Is it not a blessing to escape any religious dictatorship? Is it not everyone's free choice to live one's life the way one sees fit?

If the Shabbat, according to Davis Cup Match, which Orthodox Jew has the right to feel disturbed? Why take notice at all? Is Pessah a day of sorrow? I think this day of remembrance of the liberation is a day of joy.

JAMES SPRINGER

Ramat Gan.

RELIGIOUS

PRESSURE GROUPS

Sir, - I was appalled to see a short notice in the *Wall Street Journal* recently, reporting on the passage of a Knesset bill to ban the import of nonkosher meat to Israel. Special buses for haredim, ban on imports, no El Al flights on Saturdays - what is next? Compulsory circumcision inspections?

As a Jew and a staunch supporter of Israel, I am appalled at the power wielded by the small ultra-Orthodox parties, power that is misused to force policies and agendas that have no place in modern government. We don't need politicized rabbis to censure and direct our conduct as Jews and as citizens.

It is time for Israel to drastically revise its electoral procedures, so that such pressure groups remain on the margins where they belong.

GEORGE GROSMAN

Reykjavik, Iceland.

TRANSFER

Sir, - Speaking on Israel Radio on April 3, Minister Yossi Sarid tried to give the impression that his now famous call for soldiers to refuse to take orders was limited to the case of a massive forced transfer. Yet the op-ed piece written by Sarid and (now Minister) Yair Tsaban which was published in *Yediot Aharanot* on June 27, 1990, was not addressing the question of how to respond to a wholesale transfer, but rather "the proposal of Geula Cohen to remove whole villages from their place until the end of a harvest period" (as a punishment).

While Sarid and Tsaban saw fit to declare that in the case of such action, "this transfer order will not be honored, also our children and our followers will not honor it. Geula Cohen, Ze'evi and Kahane

will have to execute the expulsion themselves, as we stand in their way and lie on the roads... The day when the transfer order is given, which is a clearly illegal order, will be the day that we disobey orders. Anyone interested in knowing what our "red line" is - we have hereby marked one point on this line and there can now be no mistaking it."

It boggles the mind to consider how politicians who claim to be Jewish Zionists can on the one hand justify disobeying orders to temporarily remove Arabs from their village, yet at the same time denounce fellow Jews who object to the permanent removal of Jews from places where Jews lived from time immemorial.

Ra'anana. AARON LERNER

ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

Sir, - In response to your editorial of March 21 according to which B'Tselem "has shunned any involvement in the current government clamp-down on the Kahanists," we wish to draw your attention to our public statement on this issue.

B'Tselem opposes, in principle, the placing of persons under administrative detention, as such a step is a violation of the right of every individual to due process. However, international law does not rule out the possibility that a state can take this step in extreme cases.

B'Tselem believes that such a measure can only be taken when a danger exists that the continued activity of certain persons would place human lives under threat. Such a measure should be taken only pending the ample gathering of evidence against the arrested person; for a set, limited period, under court supervision; and only after all other legal measures to

preempt the danger have been exhausted.

B'Tselem does not believe that the above criteria have been met in the case of Kach and Kahane Chai members.

B'Tselem also opposes the outlawing of the Kach and Kahane Chai organizations under the present circumstances. The outlawing of organizations can only come as a last step, after legal measures against members of these organizations who are suspected of breaking the law have been attempted and failed. Such measures have not been taken to a sufficient extent in the case of Kach and Kahane Chai.

In the past, B'Tselem has opposed the outlawing of Palestinian organizations such as Fatah and Hamas.

TAMI BASH,

B'Tselem

Jerusalem.

The symphony of scandals

ON Independence Day, the Israel Prize for music composition will be awarded to Arie (Arik) Shapira.

Who's that again? The 50-year-old composer is barely known to musicians. Regarded as a charlatan by some, others consider him a highly original composer. He purports to be an iconoclast aiming to annoy the bourgeoisie and the establishment. He sets out to shock, and some of his works carry a political, leftist-dovish message.

Declaring himself a preacher, he named one of his works (about the settlement Ofra) *On Your Ruins, Ofra*.

Though these details about Shapira should not disqualify him a priori from receiving the Israel Prize, the obvious requirement is that a prizewinner's contribution to our musical culture should be beyond doubt.

At the present time, however, Shapira's contribution is highly questionable. At best, it is marginal.

Regrettably, the procedure which led to the fateful decision was not only incorrect; it was also confused, amateurish, incompetent and bordering on the scandalous.

The Israel Prize for Music is awarded once in seven years. When it finally comes up for decision, it consists of no less than five sub-categories: musicalological research into serious composition, into popular song (*zemer*), composition, performance and set texts (lyrics of popular songs, libretti etc.)

Having to deal with so diverse a field of subjects, the panel of judges should (in the view of the Ministry of Education and Culture) include experts in all the relevant fields. Thus the Awards Committee was comprised of Prof. Shai Burstyn, musicologist, Yossi Mar-Chaim, composer, Rema Samsonov, singer, Roni Sommek, poet, and Dr. David Alexan-

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

der, theatre and dramatic arts. The inclusion of Dr. Alexander remains a riddle.

All Israel Prize decisions must be unanimous. It must be remarked that at least three totally unqualified people shared in the decision-making, while neither of the other two panel members were

The judges who decided on the Israel Prize for composition made anything but sweet music together

fully qualified. Yossi Mar-Chaim is a marginal composer occupied mostly with pop, rock, jazz, electronic music and music for the theatre. He is not a composer of stature.

Prof. Burstyn is an outstanding musicologist - but his main field is renaissance music, not contemporary or Israeli music. And if Mar-Chaim and Burstyn, who are educated musicians, lack the necessary qualifications, what can one say about the rest?

THE LIST of judges was proposed to Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni by Avner Klingman, officer in charge of prize administration, and Dr. Dai Ronen, director of the Division of Culture and Art at the Ministry of Education and Culture.

When I asked Dr. Ronen how the committee operated, I was told that the judges, irrespective of affiliation, received all the relevant material, including recommendations, reviews, articles, papers, books, etc., and that some

had actually listened to Shapira's music.

The question, however, is not whether some of them had listened to his music, but whether all of them had listened and, if so, whether they were capable of evaluating it?

Furthermore: Were they acquainted with the music of all the other candidates and of other prominent Israeli composers who were not candidates, in order to get the right perspective, and for purpose of comparison?

Given the composition of the jury, it is almost impossible to assume that these conditions were complied with.

How could a whole generation of outstanding composers and performers, candidates and non-candidates like Abel Ehrlich, Ami Ma'ayani, Noam Sheriff, Ben-Zion Orgad and Zvi Avni; and conductor Mendi Rodan, cellist Uzi Wiesel or pianist Pinna Salzman, to mention just a few names, have been overlooked?

The committee's decision aroused an unprecedented storm of protest, although there were some endorsements. Among the few who came out in favor of Shapira were *Yediot Aharanot* music critic Hanoach Ron and painter Rafi Lavi in *Ha'ir*.

Shapira has become a sacrificial lamb. He cannot be blamed for the fact that a misassembled group has crowned him Israel's most important composer.

The culprits are the ministerial bureaucratic award setup: the impossible set of rules, Messrs. Klingman and Ronen, who proposed the names of the judges and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni, who appointed them and confirmed their decisions.

The writer, a former chairman of the Israel Composers' League and a lecturer at the Department of Musicology at Tel Aviv University, has been music critic of The Jerusalem Post since 1959.

POSTSCRIPTS

THERE IS a brass plaque at the top of Victoria Peak, Hong Kong, according to *The Daily Telegraph*, that reads: "On this site in 1891 nothing happened."

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY in England is offering students a chance to study horse racing as a degree subject.

Students will be touring British racecourses and meeting top train-

ers and owners as part of the course, the first of its kind.

But their main task will not be to study racing forms and find winners. Instead, the accent of the science degree will be on the racehorse itself and what makes it tick.

BRITISH OFFICIALS apologized to a sterilized man for mistakenly ordering him to pay for the upbringing of a baby that couldn't have been his.

The 30-year-old truck driver, who had a vasectomy four years ago, returned from holiday with his wife to find a letter from the Child Support Agency ordering him to pay up for his supposed six-month-old child, a case of mistaken identity.

"If it wasn't for the vasectomy and my wife eventually believing me, I could have been thrown out," said Steve Robey from War-

Spare the rod

CHARLES KRAUTHAMER

MICHAEL Fay, an American-born Singaporean, has been sentenced to a year in prison for molesting a child. The sentence is a landmark case, as it is the first time a foreigner has been sentenced to prison in Singapore for a crime committed against a child. Fay, 35, was charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl in 1992. He was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to a year in prison. Fay is currently serving his sentence in a Singaporean prison. The case has drawn international attention, as it highlights the strict laws in Singapore regarding child protection. Fay's defense lawyer has expressed disappointment with the sentence, claiming that his client was a victim of the legal system. The case is expected to have a significant impact on child protection laws in Singapore and other countries in the region.

Swift retribution works

Students are shocked by the sentence. And you are shocked by the sentence. The sentence is a landmark case, as it is the first time a foreigner has been sentenced to prison in Singapore for a crime committed against a child. Fay, 35, was charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl in 1992. He was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to a year in prison. Fay is currently serving his sentence in a Singaporean prison. The case has drawn international attention, as it highlights the strict laws in Singapore regarding child protection. Fay's defense lawyer has expressed disappointment with the sentence, claiming that his client was a victim of the legal system. The case is expected to have a significant impact on child protection laws in Singapore and other countries in the region.

DIRECTOR Johannes Schaaf faces one overriding handicap as he tries to put together the New Israeli Opera's season-opening production for late October.

The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, in which Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* is scheduled to be performed, is still under construction. The ensuing uncertainty makes Schaaf's job both exciting and a little frightening.

"First of all you are working and afraid that they will not finish building the new house in time," says the 60-year-old German director. "And then you work somewhere in the dark, not knowing where your foot is going. You don't know the aura, the spirit of a theater and all the minute technical details."

"You go there and look at it and

Opera tradition not 'Godunov' for director

it's only a construction site. The first time I went there it was just concrete."

Schaaf has already made three working trips here to discuss aspects of the production with staff at the NIO.

During his most recent visit he found some time, in between production meetings, to talk about his vision of life and art.

His route to the theater world has been an extremely round-about one.

Schaaf started out as a medical student, then turned from a promising career as a film director to a stint as a journalist.

That latter career nearly lost him his life, when an investigation

into a heroin manufacturing plant in Thailand almost led to the firing squad.

Schaaf says he is "a typical child of the war [World War II]. I was very young [in Stuttgart] at the time, and we were taken by school from our families and brought to a boarding school somewhere in the provinces. My early childhood was spent with the terror of the bombs. We survived in a very little village."

The trauma of the war "was part of my life since the end of the war. I always asked and my mother talked about it; she didn't suppress it," he says. "My father was different. He always hid his feelings and never showed them."

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

It may have been this constant attempt to understand something which is impossible to understand, that led Schaaf to his journalism career and concern for people.

"I thought the direct approach towards people is important. It happened in the '60s when I got an award for a young artist in Berlin," he reminisces over a cup of herbal tea at the NIO offices.

That award was lots of money, and I was told to give it for machine guns for North Vietnam. And I said I cannot give money for weapons," he says. "My friends forced me, saying I'd be an amoral man and without any ethic principles if I don't do that. But instead I used the money to go there and wrote there during the war."

Eventually he became bored with journalism and Schaaf returned to directing documentary films, theater and finally opera.

Opera came by chance, when Herbert von Karajan invited him to direct a production in the prestigious Salzburg Festival, after seeing one of Schaaf's theater productions.

Schaaf adamantly argues that art cannot be anything else but political.

"Anything in a society is political," he says. "The only thing I hate is when theater becomes in an obvious way political, when it

tries to teach people; this is very dangerous."

"We Germans have an inclination to teach. It might be a problem with our country, always trying to be on the teaching side," Schaaf says. "I don't believe that you can solve daily political problems by art. But what you can do by art is to sharpen people's wit, sharpen people's eyes for aesthetic quality and general quality. This is how art and theater can be very political."

Instead of fighting for political causes, Schaaf finds himself fighting for more artistic and social causes in his daily work as an opera director.

"I'm fighting traditions and

breaking down walls all the time," he says. "I'm definitely against the old-fashioned tradition of opera where singers do things without even having any idea why they are doing it."

No art genre is as strongly terrorized by tradition as opera. Yes, style is very important, but we don't have to repeat all the faults of the past. Rather we should eliminate them completely. Tradition makes the whole thing weak."

For those opera lovers who might be nervous that this *Boris Godunov* will be an ultra-modern production, Schaaf explains that there is nothing to worry about.

"I never move plots to the real present," he says. "I don't like choosing a particular historical period, because I think a theatrical event has nothing to do with a period."

Soundtracks score

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

IT comes as no surprise that the soundtrack to *In The Name Of The Father* (Heli-con) is hardly easy listening music.

No, it's not easy at all, especially if you've seen the film, based on the true tale of Irishman Gerry Conlon, spent 14 years in British prisons convicted of IRA bombings he had nothing to do with.

Seven friends and relatives, including Conlon's father who died in prison, served time on trumped-up charges.

"This most of the soundtrack is edgy and ominous, music befitting a damned, dangerous world in which conflicts, like the 800-year old battle between the Irish and Britain, swallow people alive. It portrays a mood which, like the film, has more than a passing relevance to horrors closer to home, and it portrays it disturbingly well."

Instrumental compositions by Trevor Jones which bear titles like "Interrogation" and "Passage of Time" live up to their names. One doesn't have to have watched Daniel Day-Lewis being terrorized into signing a fabricated confession to understand what the music is saying.

The film's title song and "Billy

Boo," performed by Gavin Friday and U2's Bono are equally expressive, as is "Voodoo Child" by the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Brief respite is provided by the Kinks' "Dedicated Follower of Fashion" and Bob Marley's "Is This Love."

But though there is strength mixed with levity in Thin Lizzy's "Whiskey in the Jar" and beauty in Sinead O'Connor's "You Made Me the Thief of Your Heart" the album does not offer even the "better late than never" victory of the film. It just leaves one pained and roused, implying that you'd better go and fight for your own partial victories.

On a lighter note, *Wayne's World 2* (Hed Arzi) is a surprisingly good movie with a decidedly up-tempo soundtrack.

Garth and Wayne are a flesh and blood pair of exemplary nerds who are a match for MTV's Beavis and Butt-head. Theirs is a tongue-in-cheek rock 'n' roll fairy tale made by members of the generation which survived Woodstock in an effort to pass the tribal lore on to their kids.

The movie is both stupid and clever. If you are tickled by the notion of the ghost of Jim Morris-



The soundtrack to 'In the Name of the Father,' starring Pete Postlethwaite (left) and Daniel Day-Lewis, is edgy and ominous.

son directing the organization of a small town Waynestock Festival from somewhere up in rock'n'roll

heaven, it is surely a film for you. Aerosmith are the fortysomething musical heroes of both the film

and the soundtrack. Participants include the Village People with "Y.M.C.A.," Joan Jett with "I

Love Rock'n'Roll" and Norman Greenbaum with "Spirit In The Sky."

IPO replacement conductor evokes 1920's twilight of tonality

AT last a really rewarding and enjoyable Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert: a fine conductor, a refreshing program and excellent performances.

Conductor Uri Segal not only replaced Semyon Bychkov—who had to cancel at short notice due to health problems—he stepped into the original program, changing only one item.

Segal distinguished himself in all three items he conducted. The Haydn symphony, No. 44 in E minor—one of his loveliest "Sturm und Drang" works—was noble in expression, radiated benign warmth and its slow movement sounded tender and serene.

In the Bruch G minor violin concerto, Segal gave us some remarkable orchestral passages and a less remarkable accompaniment of the violin solo sections, played with deep involvement and in an honest and dignified manner by the young violinist Pamela Frank.

Finally, Segal triumphed in Zemlinsky's *Lyrical Symphony* which—almost unbelievable—received its IPO premiere. Though we enjoyed the rarely played Haydn symphony and even the hackneyed Bruch concerto, it was the Zemlinsky symphony which became the heart of the matter. Together with the two excellent singers, soprano Francoise Poller and baritone

Knut Skram, Segal coped with this difficult, complex and immensely eloquent work with astounding ease.

He also forcefully revealed and formulated the basic meaning of the work: a last desperate effort to cling to the last remnants of tonality and fin-de-siècle pessimism even at the late date of 1922, when music had already become atonal.

With his interpretation, Segal evoked this dying world with glowing colors. *Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, March 8. Benjamin Bar-Am*

THE Tölz Boys' Choir and the Collegium Aureum, conducted by Gerhard Schmidt-Gaden, performed Bach's Christmas Oratorio—in fact, a cycle of six cantatas—in the Israel Bach Festival of the Classic Eden Days.

The real hero of the performance was, not surprisingly, the Tölz choir. Not only the natural charm of the youthful voices but their purity of timber and intonation, meticulous polish, lightness and, above all, their involvement and joy of singing amounted to a fascinating artistic achievement. The soft, lyric tenor of Christian Baumgart was impressive mainly in his arias and some virtuosic coloraturas. His Evangelist's role was rendered mostly in a matter-of-fact manner, although he visibly and audibly gained in intensity and

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drama in the second part. Panajotis Iconomou's not-very-strong bass sounded pleasant and warm, but his way of singing to himself or into the score.

The Collegium Aureum's playing was faithful to style and blended in well with the singing, although sometimes there was room for improvement in intonation and balance.

Schmidt-Gaden's conducting struck an admirable balance of accuracy and liveliness.

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CONDUCTOR Frieder Bernius, with his Stuttgart Chamber Choir and the Israel Chamber Orchestra, made one realize that there still can be news from the Romantics in the ICO's Concert No. 5 of its Voices series. It consisted of Brahms's Five Songs for Choir A-Cappella op. No. 104, perhaps the least frequently performed of his choral works; the equally seldom performed Mass No. 5 by Schubert, and—with the orchestra only—the 10th of Mendelssohn's almost forgotten Symphonies for strings of his early youth.

In Brahms's a-cappella songs, one of his most intimate and depressed works, Bernius seemed to let the music speak for itself, with no trace of any added pathos.

Schubert, in his Mass No. 5, accomplishes a humanization of the liturgy. This quality was expressed in the performance of the Stuttgartians.

Although there is no real solo part, a melodic sweetness uncommon in liturgical music was particularly enchanting in the ensemble singing of the *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei* by Dorothea Roschmann, Schirin Partow, Markus Rutschker and Stephen MacLeod.

Noga Theater, Jaffa, April 5.

Uri Eppstein

tense melancholy in the slow movement, and the tremendous energies that bring it to its abrupt end, were all breathtakingly realized by Boris Pergamentschikov.

Jerusalem Theater, March 24.

Uri Eppstein

THE focus was mainly—but not exclusively—on the viola da gamba, a forerunner of the cello. In the Guests at the Center series' Concert No. 3.

The instrument's intimate, soft sound, its clear articulation resulting from its specific bowing technique, and a thorough command of the period's performance style were convincingly displayed by Marianne Muller, guest artist from France, in a selection of little-known Baroque gems.

The program's focus shifted occasionally to the recorder flute of Yoav Ran who demonstrated much facility and good musical taste in a Sonata by Cima and Dances by Bartolomeo de Selma. Particularly engaging was his attentive dialogue with the viola da gamba in Telemann's Trio Sonata.

The continuo part was provided on the harpsichord with solid professionalism by Nina Sobleman.

Jerusalem Music Center, Mishkenot Sha'ananim, March 21.

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Taste of India leaves viewer hungry for more

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

A large company of Indian musicians and dancers has just concluded a tour here that provided Israelis with the most comprehensive view of Indian dance since the development of friendly relations between the two nations.

In the show at the Rebecca Grown Auditorium of the Jerusalem Theater, entitled *Days of India*, a trio of musicians opened the program with characteristic instruments.

On a 167-stringed sarod was Narendra Dhar, the leader and apparent composer, who based his work on traditional and exploratory ragas.

Another man showed his skills on drums and a woman played the star.

Then came a beautiful solo dancer, Kumkum Dhar, who based her art on Kathak. But her *mudra* (hand gestures) and footwork, spins and jumps made it very much her own.

In the second half, as many as 18 dancers, singers and instrumentalists from Punjab set up roaring revels with drums, pipes and mobile trellis-shaped percussion.

Their folk dances were a sort of harvest celebration that included ritual elements, some from African rhythms, others from Asian and East European sources, but all in joyful, pleasant style.

The women wore gorgeously glittering shawls over their troustered Moslem suits. The men wore fantastic turbans and skirted

Hindu-type sarongs until they changed to Moslem-type suits. Throughout, it was a vigorous, animated, happy display of regional dancing.

IRIS GOREN took a bold risk using the name "Wozzeck" in the title of her dancer work, *In the Footsteps of Wozzeck*.

The performance at the Habimah in Jerusalem's Talpott neighborhood on April 7 held no real clues to the reason, except that, implicit in the unusual work, there was a momentum involving pity and terror of characters in an indifferent world—as in Georg Buchner's play of that name and Alban Berg's opera.

Actually, Goren's work did not need the Wozzeck metaphor. There were four people (Talia Cracower, Ahava Fridkes-Corn, Nir Azulay and Tamar Schwarzen) in unisex costumes of loosely Japanese style. In their use of sticks (pulled from hanging in the air), there was also a tinge also of martial arts.

Here was choreography that conveyed tensions and conflicts among individuals through their contorted, writhing, violent contacts. Intermittent choral music sought to emphasize the solemnity.

A program note cited five scenes, but only one was marked off by a blackout. The rest ran off by a blackout. The effect was compelling, the choreographic exploratory ingenuity impressive.

LOST IN THE STARS

A play by Maxwell Anderson based on Alan Paton's novel, *Cry, the Beloved Country*. Music, Kurt Weill. Hebrew, Ehud Manor. Direction, Uri Paster. Music, Rafi Kadishsohn. Costumes, Elina Nir-Kosh. Sets, Dror Herensohn. Lighting, Natan Panturim. At the Rovina Hall, Habimah National Theater. Hebrew title, *Za'aki, Erez Ahava*.

Stephen Kumalo..... Yossi Pollak
Irina..... Etie Ankari
Abraham..... Yigal Sadeh
Narrator..... David D'Or
Linda..... Sarit Winograd

HABIMAH'S new management has set itself a high standard with its first production, *Lost in the Stars*.

This is a show where direction—musical and theatrical—is as striking as vocal performance, set design and make-up. In all, it stands head and shoulders above most of what has been mounted here in recent years.

More mad opera than flashy musical, thanks to Kurt Weill's inspired music, the play also rates highly as serious theater.

Two "imported" vocal artists, whose histrionic gifts are no less

powerful than their singing, stand out in both genres.

Etie Ankari's dramatization of Irina is as impressive as her vocalization. She shares star status here with David D'Or, a tenor of some virtuosity whose acting is, again, as powerful as his singing. Sarit Winograd is also sparkling in the supporting role of Linda. An excellent orchestra playing in the pit and a chorus coached by Elvira Kahanoff helps make this show a musical achievement.

In the lead as the pastor, Yossi Pollak surprises with a lusty baritone. However, his playing—vacillating as it does between benign and apologetic—is otherwise out of key.

Direction skillfully orchestrates the successive crowd scenes, downplaying the problem of African characters with cleverly muted make-up effects.

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

is, however, the story line does present a problem.

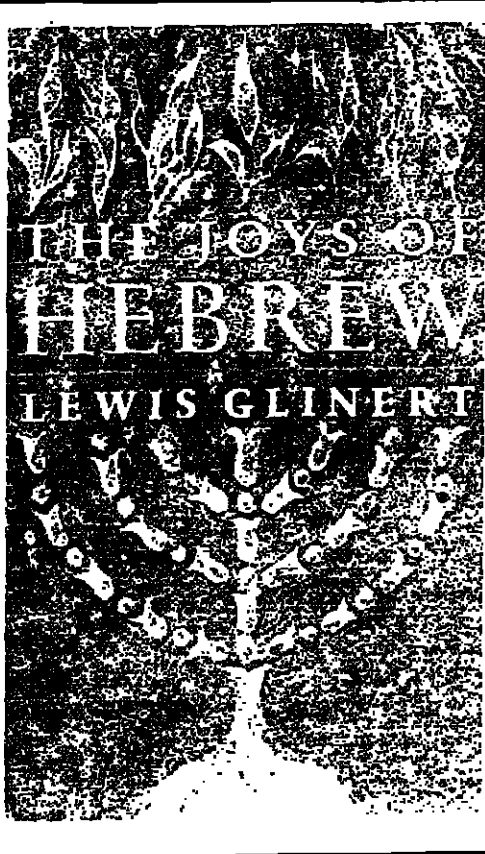
Its bleeding-heart sentiment, pathos and poignancy—as reflected in its approach to racial tensions—are incongruous against today's reality.

Maxwell Anderson, the American playwright who dramatized Paton's novel, died in 1958. It is questionable if he would have supplied the same sentimental twist and pseudo-happy ending had he been writing against the violent racial climate of the present.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	8	DAVID BROZA	MASSADA
#2	3	2	PINK FLOYD	THE DIVISION BELL
#3	4	17	ACHINOAM NINI	NINI AND DOR
#4	2	6	MARIAH CAREY	MUSIC BOX
#5	13	3	SOUNDTRACK	THE NAME OF THE FATHER
#6	1	1	PHILADELPHIA	RENEWED LOVE 2
#7	11	5	URI FINEMAN	NOA
#8	7	27	ACHINOAM NINI	COMPILED
#9	14	4	SHLOMO ARTZI	VOLUME 2
#10	14	4	HIT LIST 1994	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#11	9	27	BOAZ SHARABI	VOLUME 2
#12	19	6	TOP POP 1994	CROSS OF CHANGES
#13	6	18	ENIGMA 2	BLEU
#14	24	10	SOUNDTRACK	COMPILED
#15	5	2	NOW 27	

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE—re-entry



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1994

Economic growth slows in first quarter

THE consequences of the Hebron massacre and the stock market's fall dampened economic growth in the first quarter of the year, according to the Bank of Israel's quarterly company survey released yesterday.

Industrial production continued growing, although at a slower pace. In most other sectors, companies reported marginal increases in activity.

The central bank attributes the slowdown to slackened demand, as a bearish stock market led consumers to tighten their belts.

The building sector was the most affected due to the closure imposed on the territories after the Hebron massacre. Last quarter's

slowdown was similar to the one that occurred during last year's second quarter due to the closure at that time, the Bank of Israel reported.

Companies reported slower production increases than usual for the first quarter. This slowdown was mostly concentrated in the larger firms and was reflected in reports of growing inventories of finished products and raw materials.

Exports also grew more slowly than in previous quarters, although in this case the slowdown reflected mostly seasonal factors.

There were no significant changes in sales, machinery and equipment utilization rates and in

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the number of workers employed last quarter.

The slowdown in industrial production affected sectors related to construction in particular, including mining, quarrying, building materials and wood.

By contrast, the food and beverage sector experienced expansion as a result of brisk Pessah sales.

Retail activity slowed down, despite Pessah purchases and the significant growth of purchases on credit. Nevertheless, companies expect sales to pick up this quarter.

Construction firms reported that the scope of construction projects remained unchanged, and their completion time increased as a result of the closure.

They also reported on the continuing rise of production costs in dollar terms and the increase in the number of building starts. The companies expect an increase in construction work this quarter.

Half the firms surveyed reporting impediments to their commercial activity mentioned the lack of workers as the major obstacle.

Hotels reported even greater activity than the high levels reported in the first quarter last year.

However, reservations for this quarter did not grow. The average turnover per room continued ris-

ing, although at a more moderate rate than before. Most hotels noted that the security situation after the Hebron massacre was the main limitation to increased activity.

Activity in the transportation and telecommunications sectors was flat last quarter, partially as a result of seasonal factors. Ground transportation activity was unchanged, while sea transportation dropped. By contrast, air transportation and telecommunications activity rose.

The central bank's research arm compiles the quarterly company survey of 620 firms relating to actual developments during the past quarter, including expectations for the next quarter.

Trade deficit increases 16%

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THE trade deficit rose 16 percent last month to \$516 million, as imports increased marginally and exports fell 4.3%, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Imports inched up to \$1.791 billion from \$1.778b. in February, while exports fell to \$1.275b. from \$1.332b.

In the first quarter of the year, the trade gap also grew 16% compared to the previous quarter, as imports rose 3.9% and exports fell slightly.

According to seasonally adjusted figures, excluding diamonds, the deficit totaled \$600m. a month last quarter compared to \$508m. a month in the previous quarter.

During the first quarter, industrial exports rose 3%, as machinery and electronics exports jumped 11% following a 9% drop in the last quarter of 1993.

By contrast, other industrial ex-

ports fell. The sharpest drops of between 9% and 14% were recorded in food, rubber and plastic, and wood and paper exports. Mining, textiles and clothing, precision equipment and jewelry exports fell more moderately, between 6% and 7%.

Diamond exports increased 5% to an average \$274m. a month in the first quarter. Agricultural exports also rose 5% to \$375m.

Production input imports increased 6%. There were sharp increases of 19% in imports of wood and wood components and of 13% in imports of raw materials for the paper industry.

There was a more moderate rise of between 5% and 7% in imports of raw food material, machinery components and cloth and thread.

By contrast, precious metal imports fell 8%, while non-ferrous metals and rubber and plastic imports dropped 2%.

Trade deal on agriculture reached with Palestinians

Post Business Staff

THE government has reached agreement with the Palestinians on two-way agricultural trade, Agriculture Ministry director-general Yonatan Bassy said yesterday on his return from the economic talks in Paris.

The deal is conditional on the reaching of agreement on other issues at the talks, such as open borders and the adoption of a unified customs system.

The agreement stipulates free movement of agricultural produce, except for five areas where there will be barriers, which are to be removed in stages over a period of five years.

These areas are eggs (30 million in the first year allowed in, rising by 10 million a year), poultry (5,000 tons in the first year, rising by 1,000 tons a year) and potatoes, tomatoes and cucumbers (10,000 tons each in the first year, rising by 2,000 tons each per year).

The sides also agreed that the Palestinians would limit their production of milk products to their own consumption.

To protect farmers the delegations said any import of agricultural produce from a third party would be subject to the agreement of the other side.

The two sides also agreed to jointly set standards for veterinary supervision on imported produce. The movement of agricultural produce will take place at a number of recognized crossings, at which veterinary service representatives will be present.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsor said the agreement satisfied the government, because - together with the reform in the poultry sector and the plan to assist the vegetable growers - the damage to local farmers would be limited.

Ron appointed Energy Min. head

THE government appointed Amos Ron managing director of the Energy Ministry at its weekly meeting on Sunday.

Ron has previously served as adviser to the communications minister and was a member of the cable broadcasting authority.

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Cable between Nahariya, Cyprus to boost country's telecommunications links

JUDY SIEGEL

AN optic-fiber cable no thicker than a pencil and 264 kilometers long has been stretched between Nahariya and Ayia Napa in Cyprus.

The cable, laid this week by the AT&T ship *Global Sentinel*, will boost the country's telecommunications links with the rest of the world and make Israel - in a peaceful era - a gateway to the Arab world and beyond.

The Cyprus-Israel Optical System (CIOS) is the most advanced in the world and the longest optic fiber anywhere that does not require a series of "repeaters" to boost transmissions along the way.

Instead, there are powerful boosters only at the two ends. It can carry up to 38,400 phone conversations, fax messages, data transmissions or video images simultaneously.

The first optic-fiber cable (EMOS), put into operation in December 1990 between Tel Aviv and Italy, carries only 2,000 channels simultaneously.

Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul pointed out in the ceremony at Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum that the geometrical progression in capacity is the result of quick-paced advances in technology.

The country's first undersea cable (which was plain metal without optics) was laid between Tel Aviv and Marseille and carried only 98 simultaneous channels. Now, Bezek has access to 100,000 telecommunications simultaneous channels overseas.

Those calling abroad will not "feel" the presence of the new line, Bezek officials said, but the reliability of services will improve thanks to CIOS.

The cable is coated with plastic at the depths of the Mediterranean (at a maximum of 3,000 meters) and with metal in shallow water to prevent it from being damaged. It can hold up for at least 25 years.

Optic-fiber cables are planned between Cyprus on one side and



Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni shakes hands with her Cypriot counterpart Adamos Adamides yesterday at the Jerusalem ceremony marking the laying of the cable as Bezek director-general Yitzhak Kaul looks on.

France and Greece on the other; calls via CIOS will soon be able to reach Alexandria and then on to the international cable from Marseille to Singapore via the Suez Canal.

A live videoconference, carried by the CIOS line in its debut, was held at the ceremony. Scenes and voices of the audience in the Jerusalem auditorium were transmitted to Nicosia.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni said the new telecommunications era ushered in by

CIOS would promote peace in the region.

"Good telecommunications means good business and that improves the well being of the people," she said.

Cypriot Communications Minister Adamos Adamides, who was present at the ceremony, said he would sign a telecommunications agreement with Israel today.

CIOS is the joint project of a consortium of 10 telecommunications companies in nine countries: Bezek, Cyprus Telecommunica-

tions Authority; AT&T and MCI in the US; France Telecom, OTE in Greece; Italcable in Italy; British Telecom, Deutsche Telekom in Germany and Belgium's Belgacom.

The cost of the system, including owner's expenses, is about \$8 million, of which \$2.6m. is Cyprus's share.

Kaul said Israel is one of the 10 countries that send the most telephone calls to the US, and Bezek has one of the 20 largest international communications systems.

Otzma reports best yield of any bank fund

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi's Otzma provident fund had a real negative yield of 2.87 percent for the first quarter, the best return shown by any of the banks' provident funds, according to Leumi figures released yesterday.

Otzma's assets are valued at approximately NIS 10 billion.

Leumi's smaller provident funds also had negative real yields. Sheon reported a real negative yield of 3.13%, Zur of -3.12% and Rimom of -5.51%. Leumi's worse performing fund was Rakia, with a negative real yield of 8.31%.

Earlier this week, United Mizrahi Bank and First International Bank announced their provident fund's yields.

Former N. American Bank directors appeal verdict to Supreme Court

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

zog, Yisrael Ben-Nun and Josef Nakash.

In his appeal, Barzilai said the verdict cannot be implemented, since it is not final. He said two days after the verdict, Bazak instructed the directors to give the court a calculation of the fine they must pay the official receiver and also informed the directors of their right to appeal the verdict.

Barzilai said the court should have held a hearing before the verdict to decide the exact sum each director must pay. He also contends the court erred in its ruling

that he failed to fulfill his duties as director.

Heller said the lower court erred in discounting his testimony that he did not really serve on the bank's board. Gaon and Hazzog said the court's conclusion contrasts with witnesses' testimonies.

They claim the court disregarded the fact that they invested large sums of capital in the bank and suffered financially as a result of the collapse.

Ben-Nun said the court disregarded the fact that he acted as a replacement for a director. Nakash said he was blamed for events with which he was not associated.

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Information and Public Relations

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Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.4.94)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	3.250	3.500	4.125	
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.225	3.875	4.125	
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.625	4.625	4.125	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.000	3.000	2.875	
Yen (¥10 million yen)	0.625	0.750	0.875	

(Rates higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.4.94)

CURRENCIES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Bank*	
Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
Currency basket	3.2000	3.2400	—	—	3.2140
U.S. dollar	2.6922	3.0151	2.92	3.06	2.9800
German mark	1.7457	1.7882	1.71	1.78	1.7488
Pound sterling	4.3834	4.4462	4.29	4.50	4.4673
French franc	0.5092	0.5164	0.49	0.52	0.5108
Japanese yen (100)	2.6740	2.6145	2.62	2.56	2.5847
Dutch florin	1.9533	1.9752	1.93	1.96	1.9588
Swiss franc	2.0985	2.0978	2.03	2.13	2.0771
Swedish krona	0.3776	0.3823	0.37	0.38	0.3797
Norwegian krona	0.4020	0.4076	0.39	0.41	0.4042
Denmark krona	0.4482	0.4515	0.44	0.46	0.4468
Finnish mark	0.5412	0.5488	0.53	0.56	0.5446
Canadian dollar	2.1388	2.1687	2.10	2.20	2.1588
Australian dollar	2.1482	2.1754	2.08	2.20	2.1577
S. African rand	0.8291	0.8408	0.74	0.84	0.8227
Belgian franc (10)	0.9457	0.9576	0.93	0.97	0.9488
Austrian schilling (10)	2.4764	2.5102	2.43	2.56	2.4877
Italian lire (1000)	1.8408	1.8887	1.80	1.90	1.8477
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.11	4.36	4.2159
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.91	0.8858
Irish punt	3.3781	3.4206	—	—	3.3886
Spanish peseta (100)	4.2388	4.2985	4.14	4.40	4.2601
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Hapoel TA evens hoops semifinals

TALK about déjà vu!

In an almost exact replay of last year's semifinal playoff series scenario, Hapoel Jerusalem again failed to capitalize on a 1-0 advantage on its home court, bowing to a plucky Hapoel Tel Aviv squad 81-69 to even their best-of-five series at one game apiece.

Management handed out balloons to the Jerusalem fans before the game, and when the contest opened, it looked like Coach Yoram Harush's team was going to float up, and away from the Tel Avivans.

With talented guard Papi Turge-man going around Nanad Markovitch with some scintillating reverse lay-ups, Jerusalem raced to a 20-4 lead before "Sheriff" David Thirskill & Co. could even blink, and the standing-room-only crowd of 3,000 went wild.

But the air ran out of Jerusalem's offense almost as quickly,

and two three-pointers by Thirdkill slowly brought initially stunned Tel Aviv back into the game.

While Jerusalem forced shots, Tel Aviv scored transition baskets in bunches, with Tomer Steinhauer scoring several times when Jerusalem's big men failed to get back on defense.

Jerusalem also lost another important cog in its offense, along with some important playoff experience, when Mickey Berkowitz got whistled for his third foul with 11:31 left in the first half. That forced Coach Yoram Harush to call on Adi Gordon, Jerusalem's one-time star who has suffered through a season full of illnesses and injuries.

Gordon and his teammates held on for a while, but it was clear the team captain still isn't his old self.

At one point in the second half, he even airballed a foul shot, but to his credit kept trying to get back into old form.

Tel Aviv's steamroller-like 20-6 response just overwhelmed Jerusalem. Their tough defense and Jerusalem's impatient offense saw the capital squad go five minutes without a basket. Six quick points by Ofer Fleischer gave Sherf's club its first lead at 32-31 with just over four minutes to play in the half.

A steal by Pini Levy, who was otherwise unimpressive, was converted by Berkowitz and it looked like Jerusalem would end the half down only one, but a basket by Lior Arditi seconds before the buzzer sent Tel Aviv off with a hard-earned, gutsy 40-37 lead.

Arditi took up where he left off when the second half started, scoring Tel Aviv's first eight points to

open up a 48-40 lead with 16 minutes to play.

By the time the final minutes ticked away, Jerusalem was as flat as the popped balloons littering the stands.

The win returns the home court advantage to Hapoel Tel Aviv, who host game three in two weeks. Turge-man led Jerusalem with 23 points while Coleman had 22.

Joel Gordin adds: In the second round of the lower playoffs, Maccabi Rishon Lezion and Hapoel Eilat both won to force a final game in the best-of-three series.

Host Maccabi Rishon beat Hapoel Galil Elyon 106-97 in an evenly-matched exciting contest, and Maccabi Ramat Gan thrashed Eilat 108-59 at Winter Stadium.

In the first round, Galil beat Rishon 103-94 and Eilat defeated Ramat Gan 92-85.

At stake are fifth and sixth place and the right to represent Israel in the Korac Cup.

Islanders close to playoff spot



NEW YORK (AP) — Vladimir Malakhov scored twice, including the game-winner, as the New York Islanders secured their hold on the final Eastern Conference playoff spot with a 5-4 win over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

The victory gave them 82 points, one more than the Florida Panthers, who tied New Jersey 2-2. The Islanders hold the first tie-break advantage with 35 wins over Florida's 32.

The Islanders and Panthers both have two games left, including a season-ending game on Thursday night in Miami.

Marty McInnis contributed a goal and two assists to the Islanders attack. Mark Messier broke a long goal slump by scoring twice for the Rangers.

Panthers 2, Devils 2
Martin Brodeur made a season-high 45 saves and visiting New Jersey tied Florida 2-2.

Florida goalie Mark Fitzpatrick stopped 31 New Jersey shots and remained unbeaten (3-0-1) in his past seven starts. Neither team scored in the final 28 minutes.

Brodeur and Fitzpatrick each made three saves in overtime.

New Jersey started its No. 1 goaltender even though the game was meaningless for the Devils, who are already assured of the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs. They've lost just four times in their past 22 games.

Braves 4, Flyers 3
Goals by Don Sweeney and Glen Murray only 2:19 apart in the second period gave visiting Boston a victory which knocked the Flyers out of the playoffs.

The Flyers, who have only one victory in their last eight games (1-5-2) and are winless in their last five at home (0-4-1), have missed the playoffs for five straight seasons.

The loss, coupled with the New York Islanders' 5-4 victory over the New York Rangers, mathematically eliminated Philadelphia.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	51	24	7	109	234	227
New Jersey	46	34	12	104	203	218
Washington	37	35	10	84	270	258
N.Y. Islanders	35	32	12	82	278	280
Florida	32	33	17	81	227	227
Philadelphia	34	39	9	77	286	310
Tampa Bay	28	42	11	69	219	247

Northwest Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	43	27	13	99	295	285
Buffalo	40	30	9	89	290	212
St. Louis	41	29	13	95	279	249
Montreal	40	28	14	94	280	238
Quebec	33	41	8	74	269	277
Hartford	26	47	9	61	223	283
Ottawa	14	56	9	37	200	381

Western Conference	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	45	29	8	98	344	271
Toronto	42	28	10	94	271	235
Dallas	40	29	13	93	273	257
St. Louis	39	32	11	89	286	273
Chicago	38	35	9	85	246	231
Winnipeg	24	49	9	57	241	337

Pacific Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	41	28	13	95	285	290
San Jose	40	30	9	89	277	275
Anaheim	33	35	15	81	250	263
Los Angeles	36	45	11	83	286	316
Edmonton	25	44	12	62	257	301

Sunday's results:
Chicago 2, Los Angeles 1
Boston 4, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Islanders 5, N.Y. Rangers 4
Dallas 2, St. Louis 2
Hartford 6, Tampa Bay 4
Buffalo 4, Quebec 1
New Jersey 2, Florida 2
Toronto 7, Winnipeg 0
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3
San Jose 3, Vancouver 1

Mansdorf wins in Hong Kong

AMOS Mansdorf reached the second round of the Hong Kong tennis tournament by beating Zimbabwean Byron Black 6-4, 6-3.

Last year, Mansdorf advanced to the semifinals before losing to Pete Sampras.

Who am I?

I am the first black to win an AL MVP.
The year I won - 1963 - the NL MVP and I had the same uniform number: 32.
My manager joked that "they finally got me a black, and he can't run."

Answer in tomorrow's edition.
Yesterday's answer: Al Rosen

Seattle clinches Pacific title



SEATTLE (AP) — Kendall Gill scored a season-high 29 points Sunday as Seattle clinched the Pacific Division title with a franchise-record 57th victory, 111-108 over Phoenix.

The SuperSonics overcame a 17-point deficit in the final period to win for the 11th time in 12 games.

Beating the Suns for the third time in four games this season, the Sonics (57-18) broke their club record for wins set in 1979-80. Seattle also set a club record with its 34th home victory, breaking a mark also set in 1979-80.

Charles Barkley had 23 points and 14 rebounds. Cedric Ceballos 21 points and Dan Majerle 20 for Phoenix. Shawn Kemp had 21

points and 15 rebounds for the Sonics.

Nets 107, Knicks 88
Kenny Anderson scored 12 of his 16 points in the first quarter as host New Jersey continued its dominance of New York.

The win was the Nets' fourth in five games with the Knicks, notable because the two teams might be paired in the opening round of the playoffs.

The Knicks (52-32) missed a chance at clinching the Atlantic Division title, but are already in the playoffs. The Nets (40-35) took a major step toward nailing down a playoff spot, moving into a tie with Miami for the sixth-best record in the Eastern Conference, a half-game ahead of Indiana (39-35).

Celtics 116, Pistons 111
Dino Radja had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Xavier McDaniel scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Boston handed Detroit its fifth straight loss.

McDaniel scored six straight points at the start of the fourth quarter to give Boston a nine-point lead, but Detroit pulled to 110-107 with 2:18 left on two free throws by Terry Mills. That's as



BULLPEN BLASÉ — Dodgers' relievers Darren Dreifort (l) and Roger McDowell look on calmly as Braves rightfielder Ryan Klesko loses the ball chasing a double by Billy Ashley. (Reuter)

Rookie keeps Braves unbeaten

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rookie Tony Tarasco had a homer and two doubles after replacing injured David Justice in the fourth inning, and the Atlanta Braves remained perfect in seven games by beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-3 Sunday.

Fred McGriff hit a tie-breaking sacrifice fly in the seventh off Gary Wayne, and rookie Ryan Klesko hit a two-run homer in the first against Orel Hersheiser. Jim Gott (1-1) blew a save chance for the second time.

Expos 8, Cubs 2
Ken Hill (2-0) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked four as Montreal won at home, 8-5 against the Cubs last year, in 6-0 in April starts the past two seasons.

Montreal manager Felipe Alou juggled his batting order Sunday, dropping Marquis Grissom from first to third and batting Mike Lansing first.

Grissom had three RBIs, Lansing had three hits and scored twice, and Wil Cordero went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Juan Guzman (0-2) allowed eight runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Reds 7, Phillies 5
Lenny Dykstra's error in center field gave host Cincinnati its go-ahead run in the sixth inning as the Reds completed a three-game sweep.

Philadelphia hadn't been swept in 57 series since September 1992. Dykstra got a late jump on Bret Boone's sinking single, then let the ball bounce past as Roberto Kelly scored from first for a 6-5 Cincinnati lead. Kelly's single off Jeff Juden (0-1) had tied the game.

Astros 6, Mets 1
Andruw Cedeño homered for the second consecutive game, and had two doubles and three RBIs as the Astros

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	7	0	1.000	—
New York	4	2	.667	2 1/2
Montreal	3	3	.500	3 1/2
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	3 1/2
Florida	2	3	.400	4

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	4	1	.800	—
St. Louis	3	2	.600	1
Houston	3	2	.600	1 1/2
Chicago	2	4	.333	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	3

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	4	2	.667	—
San Diego	2	4	.333	2
Colorado	1	4	.200	3 1/2
San Diego	1	5	.167	4

Kruk reactivated

Phillies first baseman John Kruk, undergoing radiation treatment for testicular cancer, was scheduled to start last night in his team's home opener.

The scruffy, popular Kruk had been sidelined since March 8, when he underwent surgery to have a cancerous testicle removed.

won at home. He leads the NL in batting at 11-for-22 with eight RBIs.

Mets third baseman Bobby Bonilla dislocated his left shoulder while trying to field Philadelphia's Mitch Williams. The Mets said the injury wouldn't require surgery, but they didn't know how long he'd be sidelined.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Blue Jays 12, Mariners 6
Joe Carter, completing a big first year, hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs leading host Toronto to a rout of Randy Johnson.

Carter, last year's World Series hero with his championship-winning home run off Philadelphia's Mitch Williams, has four homers and 12 RBIs. He homered Sunday in the first inning, then added a sacrifice fly in the second and an RBI single in the third. He left in the sixth inning after bruising his left knee.

Johnson (0-1), who threw seven no-hit innings in Seattle's season opener before being fired, was tagged for a career high and club record 11 runs. Johnson, who had won eight consecutive decisions, gave up eight hits in 2-1/3 innings and walked six.

Rangers 8, Orioles 7
Jose Canseco ended a 1-for-14 slump with three hits, including a homer, and Ivan Rodriguez homered and had three RBIs for visiting Texas.

Canseco had a perfect day at the plate, reaching base five times and scoring three runs.

Texas first baseman Will Clark sprained his right ankle in the first inning and left the game in the second.

Sunday's NL results:
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5
Colorado at Pittsburgh (ppd)
Cleveland 7, Philadelphia 5
Houston 6, New York 1

Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 3
St. Louis 2, San Francisco 1
Florida 3, San Diego 5
Sunday's AL results:
Toronto 12, Seattle 6
Texas 8, Baltimore 7
Detroit 8, New York 3
Oakland 15, Minnesota 5
California 4, Milwaukee 1
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 1
Chicago 6, Boston 0

close as the Pistons got, however. Lindsey Hunter scored 22 points for Detroit, while Mills and Cadillac Anderson had 21 each. Isaiah Thomas missed the game with the flu, and Joe Dumars was slowed by an ankle injury.

Rockets 93, Nuggets 92
Hakeem Olajuwon scored 31 points, including a 12-foot baseline jumper with five seconds left, as Houston rallied for a road win.

Olajuwon helped the Rockets erase a 17-point deficit midway through the third quarter, scoring 21 of his team's final 43 points. He also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf led Denver with 29 points, including two key jumpers that put Denver ahead 90-85 with 2:08 left. But Olajuwon made a three-point play seconds later, and Kenny Smith added a free throw after Dikembe Mutombo was whistled for a technical foul.

Sunday's results:
Seattle 111, Phoenix 108
New Jersey 107, New York 88
Boston 116, Detroit 111
Houston 93, Denver 92



SNAZZY DRESSER — Masters champion Jose-Maria Olazabal gets the green jacket from last year's winner Bernhard Langer. (Reuter)

Olazabal Masters champion

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — One shot stayed out, the next one in.

And because his ball nestled snugly in the cup instead of the pond fronting the 15th green at Augusta National, Jose Maria Olazabal became the Masters champion.

Fourteen holes of meticulous, patient golf had put Olazabal in position to win. It took a carry of 208 yards, followed with a brief flirtation with disaster, followed, finally, by a huge putt to make it all but certain the Spaniard would win.

Olazabal's ball perched precariously on the edge of the green on the final par-5, stubbornly refusing to roll back in the front pond. Twelve inches shorter and the ball would have begun a slow trickle into the water — like so many others during the week.

"When I hit it I thought it was going to clear the water pretty well," Olazabal said of the 5-iron shot. "When I saw it bouncing, I thought to myself it could go in the water. Thankfully, it stayed up."

As if grateful for the break, Olazabal responded by calmly stepping up and rapping his 30-foot putt into the center of the hole for an eagle.

When playing partner Tom Lehman's eagle putt stopped an agonizing inch short moments later, Olazabal had a two-shot lead with three holes left. The ceremonial green jacket was all but his.

"I tried to keep cool. I tried to keep on being patient and try to concentrate on the next two holes," Olazabal said. "I knew two shots wasn't enough to

play the last few holes."

Two shots was enough to win, although Olazabal had to survive a bogey on 17 and a shaky 18th hole. Lehman helped out by missing a 4-foot birdie putt on 17, then hitting it into the left fairway trap and making bogey on 18.

"He gave me a chance," Lehman said. "I just didn't make the putt at the end. I thought I hit them solid, but they didn't go in."

Olazabal was 2-under for the day and leading Lehman and Larry Mize by one shot when he stood on the 15th fairway. He knew he needed at least 208 yards to stay dry and another 10 to get to the pin. He picked out a 5-iron and hit it solidly. But the ball was short, hitting just on the fringe. Almost incredibly, it stayed there. The huge crowd surrounding the green roared in approval and amazement.

Lehman, who would follow Olazabal, hit his own 6-iron 15 feet from the hole. He watched the Spaniard's shot, but could not see it in the shadows.

After Olazabal stroked his long putt in the hole, celebrating only by raising an arm in triumph, Lehman stood over his putt.

Taking off his hat to try to see better in the shadows, he hit the putt straight at the hole. But it stopped a roll of the ball short, sending Lehman to the ground, where he pounded both fists on the green in agony.

"I put my heart and soul in that putt," Lehman said. "It just didn't go in."

England dares to dream



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (Reuter) — After three months of misery England's cricketers might dare to dream of victory before the fourth test against West Indies resumes today.

The visitors, buoyed by a raucous crowd of sun-burned supporters, went into yesterday's rest day 222 ahead and with seven second innings wickets in hand.

If Alec Stewart, 62 not out and Graeme Hick, unbeaten on 52, can build on their partnership, already a decent 92, England will be able to throw record-breaking paceman Angus Fraser at the West Indies second innings with a comfortable cushion of runs.

Victory for England after three-thundering test defeats on the tour would be doubly sweet at Kensington Oval where the West Indies has not been beaten for 59 years.

"I'm looking for at least another 180 runs," England manager Keith Fletcher said. "A lead of 400 should keep West Indies out of the game."

The first three days produced an absorbing see-saw struggle. England started well with an opening stand of 171 between Stewart and captain Mike Atherton, before West Indies hit back to reduce them to 355 all out.

The home side then suffered several uncomfortable hours at the crease assailed by Fraser and contained by spinner Phil Tufnell. They collapsed to 134 for seven before the tall rallied magnificently — Curtley Ambrose 44, Kenny Benjamin 43 not out — steadied by a patient innings of 77 from 19-year-old Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

England eventually dislodged them for 304, Fraser finishing with eight for 75, the best figures ever achieved by an English bowler against West Indies.

England then looked set for their habitual collapse, losing three wickets for 79 before Stewart and Hick pulled the match round.

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Hebron residents protest arrival of observers

News agencies

SOLDIERS shot and wounded at least four Palestinians who rioted in Hebron yesterday during a fact-finding visit by an advance team of the international observer force, witnesses said.

Three Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets after soldiers clashed with about 300 marchers, who carried signs and chanted slogans demanding the removal of settlers from the city.

The protesters tried to enter and pray at the Machpela Cave, but were turned back by soldiers who fired tear gas and stun grenades.

"We reject the international observers and the international presence in this city," said Taisir Tamimi, a prayer leader and a Hamas spokesman. "They will not be able to protect us. I will be surprised if they can protect themselves."

Despite the violence, Mustafa Natche, the PLO-appointed mayor, credited the observers with bringing a measure of peace. He said their intervention persuaded the IDF to lift the curfew and allow residents to circulate freely in the center of Hebron for six hours a day.

The delegation, made up of diplomats and observers from Norway, Denmark and Italy, said their governments asked Israel to ease the restrictions in contacts made on the eve of their visit.

"We feel the mandate of the group is to further the restoration



OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz welcomes Norwegian observer Knut Vollebaek to Hebron yesterday, as other members of the observer force look on. (Efraim Kibshok)

of normalcy. This opening is part of that. We hope this is a good omen for the work we are going to do," said Knut Vollebaek, the Norwegian head of the advance team. Natche said the first contingent of the 160-member observer force would arrive next week but indicated that the observers would not be carrying weapons.

"They will not be armed, but they will help to create an atmosphere of security in the town" by trying to break up clashes between Palestinians and troops or settlers, he said.

The delegates wore civilian clothes and Danish, Norwegian and Italian flags were flapped over their cars, which were escorted through the streets by army jeeps.

Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish commu-

ties in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said of the observers: "It seems they are coming with a predisposition against the presence of Jews in Hebron." He said there were fears that terrorists would "continue to operate behind their coats."

Kach leader Marzel sentenced to 3 months in jail

Ben-Yishai has detention term reduced

LIAT COLLINS

KACH leader Baruch Marzel, convicted of causing a disturbance outside the prime minister's residence three years ago, was sentenced to three months in prison yesterday by the Jerusalem District Court. The sentence will begin immediately after his administrative detention is over at the end of May.

Judge Ayala Procaccia said that over the last 14 years, Marzel has been convicted of similar crimes 10 times. "We're talking about a person who since adolescence has challenged the law, and his actions show that he does not recognize the essence of law or state institutions," she said.

In another development, the High Court of Justice decided to cut one month off the three-month administrative detention of Kach activist Shmuel Ben-Yishai. As a result, Ben-Yishai, of Kiryat Arba, will be released in 10 days.

Under an agreement reached between the State Attorney's Office and Ben-Yishai's lawyer Naftali Werzberger, Ben-Yishai is obligated to remain within Kiryat Arba city limits for the next two months. He must also stay in his house after dark and refrain from giving radio interviews.

Meanwhile, the seven Kach and Kahane Chai detainees petitioned the High Court of Justice, demanding to be released for Independence Day.

They claim the government regularly releases Palestinian prisoners for Moslem holidays and should do the same for the Jewish prisoners. In another ruling, Kiryat Arba resident Kesar Mendes, convicted of endangering life on a highway and assaulting a police officer, was sentenced to 21 months in prison by Jerusalem District Court.

In December 1993, Mendes participated in rioting at the Harsana Junction in Hebron after the killing of Ephraim Ajoubi. Settlers blocked the road with rocks, preventing Arab cars from passing. When one car tried to circumvent the road block, the settlers shot at it. As a result, Talal Bakri, who sat next to the driver, was killed.

Police did not locate the weapon used in the killing, and therefore could not determine that Mendes had shot the man, Mendes was the only one to be identified as participating in the shooting. The other settlers escaped.

Two Arab girls try to stab policemen at Western Wall

BILL HUTMAN

TWO knife-wielding 15-year-old Arab girls attacked a soldier and a border policeman near the Western Wall yesterday, but were detained before anyone was injured.

Police said the female soldier escaped serious injury in the attack because she was wearing a protective vest. The large kitchen knife got stuck in the vest, but did not penetrate to the soldier's body, the police spokesman said. The border policeman overcame the other girl.

The teenagers, from the Wadi Joz neighborhood just outside the Old City, as of last night were not cooperating with investigators, he said.

One of the teenagers said she carried out the attack in revenge for the Hebron massacre. The other said she wanted to be arrested because she was being beaten by her parents.

The two were apparently aided by a third person, who handed them the knives as they entered Dung Gate of the Old City by the Western Wall. The attack occurred at the nearby entrance to the Western Wall Plaza.

Police said the two approached the checkpoint at the entrance to the plaza, and then pulled the knives out of plastic bags. In another stabbing attempt, an Arab woman pulled a knife and lunged at border policemen on duty at the Machpela Cave yesterday. The woman, a Bethlehem resident, was apprehended by the policemen before she could cause any injury.

Sarid blasts Arafat for not condemning terror

BATSHEVA TSUR

"THE fact that [PLO leader Yasser] Arafat hasn't denounced in the strongest terms the dastardly massacre in Afula is most serious in my view," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told the Knesset yesterday. "Israel has learned many lessons, but it seems that Arafat, if he can't understand something so elementary, has learned nothing."

But, he said, Israel would nevertheless pull out of Gaza "within two, or maximum three weeks." Sarid was replying to a series of motions for the agenda at a special session.

Only a handful of MKs were on hand to hear the debate in the plenum, as the Labor faction was busy upstairs discussing the Haim Ramon issue.

"It is a shame the prime minister is not here to listen to what at least half the nation is saying," Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said. "He is cut off and unresponsive. He has closed himself off. Let him go out to the intersections and hear [what the demonstrators there say]."

Taking the government to task for its peace negotiations, Netanyahu said that there had not been a condemnation from Arafat even when children are burned to death. "Mr. Prime Minister, you should come out and say: 'I was wrong,'" he said. "But you do the opposite - more gestures, more favors [to the PLO]. And at the same time, the attacks are spreading throughout the country."

Netanyahu cited Defense Ministry statistics: "There were 1,014 incidents in January and 4,193 in March." He said the security situation had never been worse. "This is not one of the worst periods in Israeli history," Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said in response. "It is a promising time from many points of view, except for the terrorist incidents which blacken our mood. Right now, there is no existential threat to Israel."

As Hadash MK Tawfik Ziad rose to deliver his motion, Likud MKs Ya'acov Shamai and Ron Nahman shouted: "Go to Damascus."

"Go to hell," retorted Ziad, and refused to have this deleted from the protocol.

He denounced the Afula car bombing, saying: "There is no crime, not even the Hebron massacre, that justifies that murder. The Arab blood in Hebron, despite what the right thinks, is the same color as the Jewish blood in Afula... There is no alternative path to the peace process."

Russians force private Israeli plane to land, then release it

HAIM SHAPIRO

RUSSIAN civil aviation authorities this weekend forced a small Israeli plane to land for what the Russians said was violation of their airspace, but the plane was later allowed to continue on to Israel, a spokesman for the company which owns the plane reported yesterday.

The plane, a Gulfstream 159, owned by Aerol, a private airline with offices at Ben-Gurion Airport, was carrying the wife of the deputy prime minister of Tajikistan, who is pregnant and has a heart condition, for treatment at Ha'emek Hospital in Afula.

The airborne ambulance had been ordered by Haim Ben-Ari, who owns a large carpet factory in Tajikistan and who is a close friend of the deputy prime minister. It was carrying two pilots, a supervisor from the Israel Civil Aviation Authority, and a medical team which included two physicians and a midwife.

A spokesman at Ha'emek Hospital said that the woman is under constant supervision and is expected to give birth in the next few days.

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23, 26, 27, 39, 150, 152

To Kiryat Anavim

Line 157.

50% discount on these journeys, to holders of a

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THERE WILL BE CHANGES IN THE TIMETABLE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF SERVICE ON ALL EGGED LINES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEMAND

NOT OPERATE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY, APRIL 13

On Independence Day, Egged buses will operate from the new Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv from 5 a.m.

SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL REGION (Interurban Lines)

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703, 705, 708, 721, 751, 819, 821, 826, 829, 832,
833, 836, 843, 845, 846, 854, 855, 870, 874, 900,
904, 922, 966, 991, 992, 995

These lines will operate to a special schedule:

- Line 468, in the Ateret
- Tel Aviv Ateret section.
- Line 245 will run from Tel Aviv only.
- Line 900 will run only from Haifa to Tel Aviv only from 15:15.
- Journeys on Line 428 are canceled, only from Jerusalem.
- Line 397 from Beersheba will run at 08:00 only.

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Ashdod

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Line 468 will operate in the section,

Ateret - Tel Aviv - Ateret

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442, 461, 500, 503, 505, 511, 522, 790,

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845, 846, 877, 878, 904, 922, 948, 949,

953, 955, 964, 966, 971, 995

GREATER HAIFA

1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20a, 21, 22,

23a, 24, 26, 27, 27a, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36a,

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